

Hartford Courant



VOLUME CLXXXVI

COURANT.COM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022

“We are glad to see a little movement as far as going back to the drawing board and coming up with better solutions than demolition. But we don’t think it’s a very realistic offer or proposition because it would be so logistically difficult and incredibly expensive.” — Carey Shea, co-founder of the Friends of Zion Hill Cemetery and a proponent of saving Deborah Chapel

\$1 price tag on chapel comes with a big catch

Decaying building at Beth Israel Cemetery must be preserved and moved, owners say

By **Kenneth R. Gosselin**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The owners of the historic but decaying funeral chapel at Hartford’s Beth Israel Cemetery — who have pushed for demolition for nearly a decade — are renewing an offer to sell the building for \$1, but only if the

new owner will move it from the cemetery.

Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford, which owns the cemetery and chapel, has made the offer to the city of Hartford and its historic preservation commission — both of which have opposed demolition — or anyone in the community.

“We have made this offer in the past but have never received any response,” Scott Lewis, chair of the synagogue’s cemetery committee, said in a statement Tuesday. “Given the recent interest in the building, we thought it would be a good time to renew our offer.”

Four weeks ago, the 136-year-old Deborah Chapel at the cemetery in the city’s Frog Hollow

Turn to Chapel, Page 3



The 136-year-old Deborah Chapel at Beth Israel Cemetery in Hartford’s Frog Hollow neighborhood is up for sale, and the price tag of the decaying building is just \$1, but new owners would have to relocate it. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Mental health care for children throughout Connecticut gets a boost with additional federal funding set aside for a Rocky Hill-based organization that performs screenings and offers support services

‘REINVESTING IN KIDS’



Robert Muro, right, president and CEO of the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies Inc., speaks with U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal, left, and Chris Murphy after a news conference in Rocky Hill to announce \$368,900 in federal funding for early intervention and screening to address youth mental health. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

By **Taylor Hartz**
Hartford Courant

Children in Connecticut who are at a high risk of having a mental illness will be screened for illnesses such as anxiety, depression and conduct disorders, and connected to support services through newly announced federal funding announced Tuesday.

The \$368,900 in funding for the Rocky Hill-based Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies Inc. will allow the state-wide organization to identify and work with nearly 1,000 children age 5 and up who need mental health care.

The funds “will enable 900 kids to be reached and helped before their mental illness becomes potentially disabling and dangerous,” said Robert Muro, president and CEO of CCFSA.

The grant will be used by the statewide network and its 14 member organizations that provide services ranging from foster care services to debt counseling. It will expand the early intervention and treatment work they do with school-aged children who have an elevated risk of mental illness. Children are flagged as more likely to experience a mental illness when they’re exposed to certain social determinants, said Muro, such as poverty, domestic violence in the home, exposure to traumatic or

Turn to Funding, Page 2

Amid grief, Uvalde begins farewells

Funerals for 21 victims expected to take weeks

By **Nathan Ellgren, Adriana Gomez Licon and Jim Salter**
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — A week after a gunman ran into a Texas grade school and started shooting, the first of 21 funerals began on Tuesday. Meanwhile, at least one family still hasn’t seen the body of their loved one.

Hundreds of mourners turned out for an afternoon Mass to remember Amerie Jo Garza. Six pallbearers wearing white shirts and gloves carried her small casket into Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which turned away several mourners after reaching capacity. Maite Rodriguez’s funeral was scheduled for later Tuesday at one of the funeral homes in Uvalde, Texas.

The two 10-year-old fourth graders were among 19 children



Pallbearers carry Amerie Jo Garza’s casket after a funeral service Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church in Uvalde, Texas. **ERIC GAY/AP**

and two teachers killed when 18-year-old Salvador Ramos burst into a classroom on May 24 and began firing a military-style rifle. Visitation for one of the teachers, 48-year-old Irma Garcia, also was Tuesday, along with visitations for children Nevaeh Bravo and

Jose Flores Jr.

Amerie loved purple. Erika Santiago, her husband and their two children wore purple shirts adorned with images of the victims to Amerie’s funeral.

Turn to Uvalde, Page 3

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Democrats seek to limit gun buys to one per month

By **Christopher Keating**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — After mass shootings in Texas and Buffalo, Connecticut Democrats are calling for limiting gun purchases to one per month per person.

Connecticut currently has no limits on gun purchases — meaning that a person could buy 50 at a time, for example.

But Sen. Will Haskell, a Westport Democrat, and others say that purchases should be limited to prevent bulk buying.

“When we look at gun violence prevention tools, one policy stands out to me,” Haskell said in an interview. “In New Jersey, in Maryland, even in the deeply purple state of Virginia, and then California as well, they’ve banned the bulk purchase of firearms. They say you can only buy one gun per person per month.

‘Not there yet’

Gov. Ned Lamont has not announced any decision on whether he will call a special session of the legislature this summer to vote on gun control. “I’m not there yet,” he said. “I’ve got to see if something has changed. I pushed pretty hard on the ghost guns, in particular. I couldn’t get that through. Maybe the world has changed.”

“That actually sounds like a lot to most people. It sounds like a lot to most gun owners, who don’t necessarily buy more than 12 guns a year.”

The problem, Democrats said, is that guns purchased in bulk are often resold illegally to people who are unable to pass a background

Turn to Guns, Page 3

Bloomfield sweeps Class S track

After suffering disappointment last year, the Bloomfield boys and girls teams win Class S track and field championships on Tuesday at Veterans Stadium. **Sports, Page 1**

Opinion.....**News, 10**
Obituaries.....**News, 12-14**
Lottery.....**News, 2**
Classified.....**News, 11**

Puzzles ... **Connecticut, 7, 9**
Comics ...**Connecticut, 8-9**

Hartford Courant
media group

\$3.00 Copyright 2021
The Hartford Courant Co.



6 04209 00200

FROM PAGE ONE

POLICE BRIEFS

Worker dies after fall at Fairfield

FAIRFIELD — A man who fell through a skylight while he was working at Fairfield University on Tuesday has died, police said. The man, 57, whose identity is not being released pending notification of his next of kin, fell through a skylight at the Central Utilities Facility building located on the university’s property at 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield police said. Police said several 911 calls were

placed about the accident just after 7 a.m. Tuesday. Emergency personnel found the man in a semi-responsive state, and he was taken to St. Vincent’s Medical Center where he later was pronounced dead, police said. “A preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was working on the rooftop of the building when he apparently lost his balance and fell backward through a skylight in the roof,” a fall of about 40 feet, police said. Police said foul play is not suspected at this time, but the inci-

dent is under investigation by the Fairfield Police Detective Bureau with the assistance of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Missing woman found in river

WETHERSFIELD — The body of a woman that was recovered from the Connecticut River on Monday has been identified as that of a Manchester resident who was reported missing in December,

according to Manchester police. Police said Sherrian Howe, 22, was reported missing from Manchester on Dec. 21. The manner and cause of her death are yet to be determined pending completion of an investigation by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Manchester police said. The Wethersfield Police Department had received a call at about 9:30 a.m. Monday from an individual who reported he had found a body in the river, according to police Lt. Michael Connolly. Wethersfield officers, assisted by

the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Glastonbury Volunteer Fire Department, recovered the body and brought it to the Wethersfield Cove, Connolly said. The Wethersfield Police Department Detective Division opened an investigation related to the discovery of Howe’s body and ask that anyone with information contact the Wethersfield Police Department at 860-721-2900 or Manchester Police Det. Kristopher Slate at 860-645-5543.

— Staff reports

Funding

from Page 1

violent events or a lack of access to nutrition or transportation. “It’s those children who are at risk here in the state of Connecticut,” said Muro. “By screening them, they’ll have a better chance to get the services that they need at an age that’s earlier before it becomes more prominent.” The network plans to expand its mental health care screening practices, increase its staffing, provide increased training for health care professionals, make more referrals to mental health services and get ahead of barriers such as transportation, insurance and child care that may otherwise prohibit children and families from getting the help they need. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, who announced the funding in Rocky Hill alongside U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy on Tuesday morning, said the grant will help usher in a new era of screening and helping kids at the earliest stages of mental illness. Most mental illnesses, he said, can be diagnosed and treated by age 14. With these funds, more kids in Connecticut “can be screened and identified and treated and helped before they become harmful and potentially dangerous to themselves or others,” he said. “And that is a gift that really is of almost priceless value.” Improving access to mental health care is a mission he and Murphy have been on for years, Blumenthal said. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused increased rates of mental health crises, suicides, homicides and



Robert Muro, center, president and CEO of the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies Inc., speaks at a news conference Tuesday in Rocky Hill with U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal, left, and Chris Murphy to announce federal funding for his organization. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

domestic violence in states across the map, the need is more urgent than ever. Children deserve to have access to care for their illnesses, the senators said, and their families deserve to have help getting them that care at a time when many mental health care professionals are overwhelmed and may be harder to connect with for initial appointments than before the COVID-19 pandemic. “They deserve it, just like you would take preventative steps to identify any other illness at an early stage before it becomes more serious, before the consequences are dangerous and potentially even deadly,” said Blumenthal. Murphy said allocating for the funding in the federal budget “was a no-brainer.” “Reinvesting in kids right now,

while we are still in the middle of a pandemic that has really been damaging to our kids and our students, just made an enormous amount of sense, and we are glad to be able to deliver this funding,” he said. “We’ve seen an explosion in the number of kids in mental health crisis during the pandemic,” said Murphy, pointing to a stark 50% increase in reported suicide attempts by teenage girls in 2021. Murphy said that hospitals statewide say they have never seen the numbers of children showing up in crisis than they have in the last two years. “That’s a stunning and heart-breaking number, and it tells you how many kids are out there living in crisis,” he said. Investing in children’s mental

health care, said Muro, will also help improve their physical health by improving their overall well-being from a young age and help prevent their mental illnesses from getting any worse. The purpose of this grant, said Blumenthal, is to recognize mental illness in the same way broken bones or cancer are recognized as illnesses and injuries that need treatment and to catch them and treat them upstream — or early on — “before they have really bad consequences downstream.” Blumenthal on Tuesday also announced \$461,000 in federal funding for United Services Inc., a nonprofit community behavioral health center for 21 towns in northeastern Connecticut that is based in Killingly. The funding will help the center

integrate primary care services for physical health care within its behavioral health offerings at outpatient clinics, according to the senator’s office. United Services Inc. served more than 3,500 people last year, running more than 30 programs such as outpatient mental health care for adults, children and families, crisis services, domestic violence programs and substance abuse treatment. Murphy and Blumenthal, who have been speaking out frequently over the past week to call for stricter gun laws to be passed in the United States Senate following the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, said that improving mental health measures is a part of tackling the issue of mass shootings, but that common sense gun legislation is the key. Restricting access to automatic weapons for people who are having homicidal or suicidal thoughts as a result of a mental illness or mental health crisis is the most effective approach to limiting the growing number of mass shootings taking place across the United States, the senators said. Mental health care can help in the holistic approach to reducing the number of shootings, but should, overall, be improved to help children, parents and families struggling with mental health care concerns in every town across the state, the senators said. “Walk into any emergency room in the state and you will see the scope of our mental health crisis and our crisis of lack of access,” Murphy said. “We should fix our broken mental health system because it’s the right thing to do for parents and children and families. Period. Stop.”

Hartford Courant

A TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY

NEWS EXECUTIVE

Helen Bennett
Executive Editor

BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

Mary Lou Stoneburner
Vice President, Advertising

Dana S. Bisconti
Director, Finance

Mike Sheehan
Regional Vice President
of Circulation

HOW TO REACH US

The Hartford Courant and www.courant.com
P.O. Box 569, Hartford, CT 06141-0569

860-241-6200 (Local calling area)
800-524-4242 (Outside the Hartford area)

Our Circulation Customer Service is open Monday through Friday
from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

860-525-5555

Subscriptions, missed delivery or missing sections, vacation stops,
billing questions: For same-day redelivery, please call before 10
a.m. daily, 11:30 a.m. Sunday. All numbers are 860 area code unless
otherwise noted.

ADVERTISING 241-6221
Classified 525-2525
classifieds@courant.com 800-842-8824
Death notices/Obituaries 241-6200
NEWS 241-6747
SPORTS 241-6435
EDITORIAL PAGE/LETTERS 241-6595
NEWS ACCURACY AND FAIRNESS CONCERNS
E-mail readerep@courant.com
Phone 241-3902

The Hartford Courant proudly participates in a
comprehensive recycling program to help protect the
earth’s environment. You can join us by recycling this newspaper.

Published daily and Sunday by The Hartford Courant
Company (ISSN 1047-4153). Periodicals postage paid at
Hartford, CT. Postmaster send address changes to: The
Hartford Courant, P.O. Box 569, Hartford, CT 06141-0569.
Home delivery rates: Daily and Sunday (7 days), \$1799;
*Thursday through Sunday (4 days) \$1399; *Thursday, Friday
and Sunday (3 days) \$1250; Thursday and Sunday (2 days)
\$1050; Sunday-only service \$899, includes the Thanksgiving
paper; Sunday through Friday (6 days) \$1225; Monday
through Friday (5 days) \$1250; Monday through Saturday (6
days) \$1158. All subscriptions may include up to 12 premium
issues per year. For each premium issue, your account
balance will be charged an additional fee up to \$5.99 in the
billing period when the section publishes. This will result in
shortening the length of your billing period. Premium issues
scheduled to date: 1/9/22, 2/13/22, 3/21/22, 4/11/22, 5/15/22,
6/12/22, 7/10/22, 8/7/22, 9/4/22, 10/9/22, 11/20/22, 12/18/22.
Dates are subject to change without notice. *Service not
available in all areas. Rates may vary based on subscription
length. Vacation stops do not extend expiration dates. We
may increase home delivery rates with 15 days notice. The
Hartford Courant reserves the right to revise or reject any
advertisement. Only publication of the advertisement shall
constitute acceptance of the advertisement. The Hartford
Courant shall not be responsible for the omission, in whole
or in part, of any advertisement or for any typographical or
other error. The Hartford Courant’s liability shall be limited
to the amount paid by the advertiser for the first insertion
only. In no event shall The Hartford Courant be liable for
consequential damages of any kind.


BREAKING NEWS
Be the first to know
when news breaks

SIGN UP TODAY
courant.com/newsletters

LOTTERY

Tuesday, May 31

PLAY3 DAY

3 1 9 WB: 7

PLAY4 DAY

7 3 7 5 WB: 4

The late lotto numbers were not
drawn in time for this edition. For
results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

MONDAY’S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT

4 4 2 WB: 6

PLAY4 NIGHT

5 0 6 2 WB: 2

CASH 5

4 11 16 28 31

LUCKY FOR LIFE

7 24 32 34 36 LB: 5

Friday’s est. Lotto jackpot: \$1 million

Tonight’s est. Powerball jackpot: \$168
million

Get A Better Oil Company
Competitive Prices.
Budget Plans.
Service 24/7/365
94 Years
\$100*
New Customer Bonus
Call: 860.813.9117

Let Daniels Do It.
CT License S1-385517 HOD #19
For new oil customers for home heating. Minimum 500 gallons.

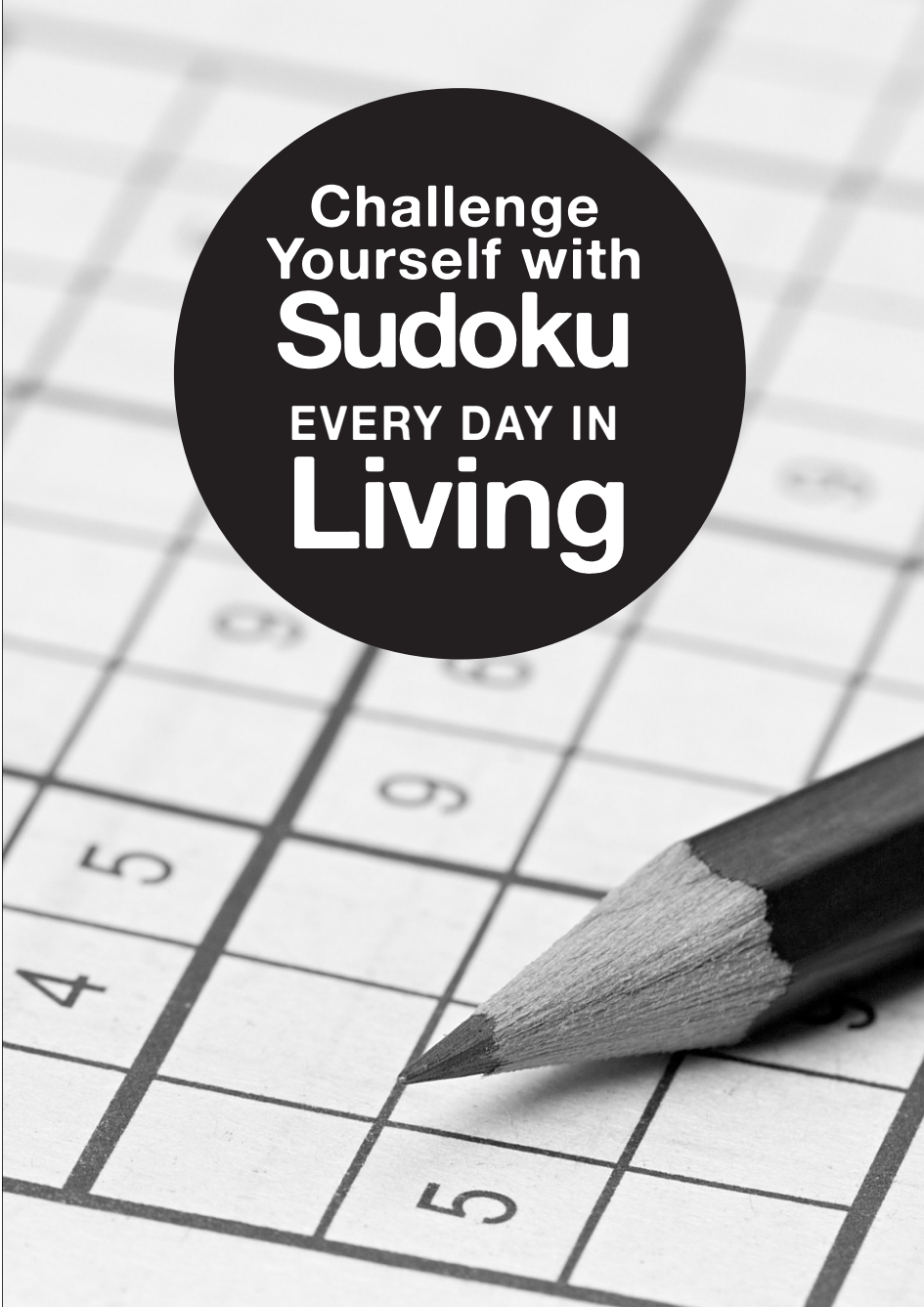

**Get more out of your subscription by
setting up your digital account**

- More articles than what’s in print
- Breaking News alerts with the mobile app
- Unlimited access to our website
- eNewspaper, a digital replica of the paper emailed daily

It’s easy to start
your online access!
Visit: go-activate.com



Challenge Yourself with Sudoku
EVERY DAY IN Living



FROM PAGE ONE

Chapel

from Page 1

neighborhood was thrust into the national spotlight. The 3-story, brick-and-brownstone structure was counted as among the 11 most endangered historic properties in the United States in an annual list by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The congregation has consistently said the structure, at the corner of Affleck and Ward streets, must be torn down, arguing the chapel hasn't been used for funeral services for 75 years. The building is a target of vandalism and break-ins, which have stripped the structure of its copper piping, the congregation has said.

The congregation wants to create a temporary memorial garden where the chapel now stands — and eventually future gravesites for its members.

The congregation also has pressed the issue in court after the city's preservation commission refused to back demolition. A judge sided with the congregation, but the city is appealing.

"The city believes that the best place for this historic building to be preserved and renovated is in the location in which it has historically stood, and the City continues to pursue an appeal to prevent this historic structure from being demolished," Howard Rifkin, Hartford's Corporation Counsel, said in a statement.

The building, dating to 1886, was constructed after a fundraising campaign by the Ladies Deborah Society of Hartford, an organization of Jewish women dedicated to performing good works in the community.

The national trust said the chapel is "a rare and early American example of an intact Jewish funerary structure which embodies the strong leadership of women within the 19th-century Jewish and communal organizations."



The 135-year-old Deborah Chapel at Beth Israel Cemetery in Hartford hasn't been used for funeral services for 75 years. COURANT FILE

The fight over the chapel's future highlights the difficulty of saving historic structures — even one such as this which is within the boundaries of a historic district — when they are on private property and the costs to relocate them are high, even before factoring renovations.

"We are glad to see a little movement as far as going back to the drawing board and coming up with better solutions than demolition," said Carey Shea, co-founder of the Friends of Zion Hill Cemetery and a proponent of saving the chapel. "But we don't think it's a

very realistic offer or proposition because it would be so logistically difficult and incredibly expensive."

The move would be precarious, at best, involving a 3-story structure, Shea said. "It's not a one-room schoolhouse somewhere."

Even if the structure could be relocated, a new plot of land would have to be found and a new foundation constructed, both adding significantly to the cost of preservation, Shea said.

Shea said there is interest in fundraising to preserve the chapel in its current location. Offers,

Shea said, including her own to purchase the chapel, renovate it to historic standards, occupy it and help to take care of the cemetery have been rebuffed by the congregation.

The congregation points to a property restriction that prohibits the chapel or the land to be used for anything but a cemetery.

The city, the congregation argues, cannot revoke the restriction, an argument that is in dispute.

Mary A. Falvey, executive director of the Hartford Preservation Alliance, said the chapel is tied closely to the cemetery because it

was built for funeral services.

"In the broader sense, when we are looking at historic districts — if it was moved — as long as it stayed within the Frog Hollow Historic District, it would still remain a historic resource of the historic district," Falvey said.

For a move to be financially feasible, it is likely hefty grants would have to be secured, Falvey said, and it is unlikely they would be easily obtained.

Kenneth R. Gosselin can be reached at kgosselin@courant.com.

Uvalde

from Page 1

Santiago described Amerie as "a nice little girl who smiled a lot," and who was "so humble and charismatic but full of life."

Santiago said her 10-year-old son, Adriel, watched in horror when the first images came out on the news after the shooting and he recognized his friends Amerie and Maite.

"It affected him so much," Santiago said. "He told me he did not want to go to school fearing that could happen. He told me, 'Mom, I just don't feel safe.'"

Funerals will continue over the next 2 ½ weeks. Vincent Salazar's 11-year-old daughter, Layla, has the last of the scheduled services — her visitation is June 15 with the funeral the following day. Salazar said the family likely won't see Layla's body until soon before the visitation.

"It's strange because usually when somebody dies, these things happen in three or four days," Salazar said. "It's not something that goes on this long. I understand there were other children as well, but we're just waiting to get her back. That's all we're focused on."

Uvalde County Justice of the Peace Eulalio "Lalo" Diaz said the bodies of all 21 victims were sent to the medical examiner's office in San Antonio for autopsies, which he said is standard for a major crime.

"Our thing is to have all the facts," Diaz said. "Even though there is a deceased shooter and we probably won't have a trial, we still need to have the facts."

Diaz said the autopsies are complete. He declined to discuss preliminary results and said final reports will take three to four months.

Meanwhile, Diaz said, there simply isn't enough space at Uvalde's two funeral homes to keep all of the bodies, so many were sent to out-of-town funeral homes until services near. He said the Uvalde funeral homes are working with the families on when they can see the bodies.

"It's mainly because of the number of victims," Diaz said, asking: "Where do you store that many people?"

Investigators continue to seek answer about how police responded

to the shooting, and the U.S. Department of Justice is reviewing law enforcement actions.

The blame for an excruciating delay in killing the gunman — even as parents outside begged police to rush in and panicked children called 911 from inside — was placed on the school district's hometown police chief, Pete Arredondo, after the director of state police said Arredondo made the "wrong decision" not to breach the classroom, believing the gunman was barricaded inside and children weren't at risk.

Steven McCraw, head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Friday that after following the gunman into the building, officers waited over an hour to breach the classroom. The revelation raised new questions about whether lives were lost because officers did not act faster to stop the gunman, who was ultimately killed by Border Patrol tactical officers.

Jacob Albarado, an off-duty Border Patrol agent who rushed to the school with a shotgun borrowed from his barber, said Tuesday it was chaotic when he arrived in search of his daughter and wife. Both were physically unharmed in the attack, he said.

"To me, I believe everyone there was doing the best that they could given the circumstances," he told NBC's "Today Show." "I believe everyone there was doing everything in their power."

Authorities said Ramos legally purchased two guns not long before the attack.

President Joe Biden's long-planned meeting Tuesday with New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was to center on trade, climate and security in the Indo-Pacific. But after what happened in Uvalde and a week earlier in Buffalo, New York, where 10 Black people were killed by a shooter espousing racist "replacement theory," the conversation turned to gun control.

Ardern successfully won passage of gun control measures after a white supremacist killed 51 Muslim worshippers at two Christchurch mosques in 2019. Less than a month later all but one of the country's 120 lawmakers voted in favor of banning military-style semi-automatic weapons.

Guns

from Page 1

check because they have a criminal record.

"Guns purchased alongside other guns are 64% more likely to be used in a crime," Haskell said. "It also contributes to these mass shooting events that have become all too regular. The shooter in Texas purchased multiple firearms in the course of a very short amount of time. That should have been a warning, and frankly, it shouldn't have been allowed."

The policy was successful in Virginia, Haskell said, in the 1990s after it was approved by the Democratic-controlled legislature. The law was then repealed when Republicans gained control, but then was reinstated in 2019 by Democrats.

The law could include an appeal, for example, if an instructor was teaching a gun course and needed extra firearms, he said.

Haskell had lunch Tuesday with Gov. Ned Lamont and discussed the idea in detail. Lamont has not announced any decision on whether he will call a special session of the legislature this summer to vote on gun control.

"I'm not there yet," Lamont said recently. "Let me think about that."

"I've got to see if something has changed. I pushed pretty hard on the ghost guns, in particular. I couldn't get that through. Maybe the world has changed. Let me talk to a couple of legislators."

One of those legislators was state Rep. Anne Hughes, an Easton Democrat who talked to Lamont at the Memorial Day Parade in Redding.

"He said, 'What's changed?'" Hughes said, recalling their conversation. "And I said everything's changed because we have had another Sandy Hook. Maybe, after 10 years of Sandy Hook, there's moderate Dems who are worried, and of course, it's an election year. What changes is the mind-numbing frequency of these events, and we know it's

going to happen again. There's a window to move the needle on some common-sense proposals. So, the moderate Dems will vote with us because there's a mobilization of the public will and the demand for policy change."

Despite opposition from Republicans and gun supporters, Hughes said the need for more restrictions on purchases is necessary.

"It is a no-brainer," said Hughes, one of the legislature's most liberal members. "I think there's even some retiring Republicans who might vote for this because they know it's what the public wants. Do I think it's going to be a win for Connecticut Democrats? Yeah. But I think it could be a win for Connecticut. I really don't think — I could be wrong — that people are going to be hugely vilified for coming into session and taking action on this."

But House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford said that limiting the bulk purchase of guns is not a high priority for Republicans because police and prosecutors first need to crack down on gun-related crimes.

"I think the first piece we should be focusing on is enforcing the laws we have on the books," Candelora said Tuesday in an interview. "I don't care how many laws we put on the books. If we are not going to enforce and criminalize the behavior, passing laws does no good whatsoever."

The bulk purchasing "is really missing the mark" at a time when few criminals are punished severely or sent to prison on gun crimes, he said.

"Democrats over the last decade have set policies on not holding criminal behavior accountable," Candelora said. "Whether it deals with a car theft or a gun violation, nobody is being held accountable for their crimes. They don't do prison time. They get reduced to a misdemeanor."

While Haskell and Hughes both said they would be reaching out to Republicans for support in a special session, Candelora said no one, including Lamont, has reached out to him. Cande-

lora said he does not expect a special session to be held, saying Connecticut already has a series of laws that include banning assault rifles and ensuring proper storage of firearms under Ethan's Law.

Lamont's chief spokesman, Max Reiss, noted Tuesday that Lamont has not yet called for a special session. Without a special session, the legislature is not scheduled to convene in Hartford until January, two months after the election.

"The governor has repeatedly said he favors anything we can do to strengthen our gun laws to protect our residents and to keep deadly firearms out of the hands of those who may do harm," Reiss said.

After attending a recent press conference on guns in Weston, high school senior Chloe Caplan sent a note to Hughes about the issue.

"I grew up in a culture of schooling that when every time a loud noise goes off, we all flinch and look at each other — hold our breaths and wait for the shots to start," said Caplan, a student intern for Hughes. "Then when they don't, we go back to our math worksheets and act as if nothing happened."

Separate from the bulk purchasing, Lamont has been pushing strongly for placing more restrictions on untraceable ghost guns.

The General Assembly in 2019 banned newer ghost guns, which are often assembled at an owner's home with parts that can be obtained on the internet. The guns cannot be traced because they do not have a serial number.

Older ghost guns that were manufactured before 2019 were grandfathered as legal, and the most recent legislation this year called for requiring registration of those older guns. But the measure didn't pass.

Lamont said he had difficulty on gun bills because there is little support among Republicans.

"I think it's become an incredibly partisan argument right now in our society," Lamont said.

Christopher Keating can be reached at ckeating@courant.com.

GOODSPEED MUSICALS

NOW PLAYING!

goodspeed.org
860.873.8668
EAST HADDAM, CT

Hoffman Audi
Audi of New London / Audi of East Hartford

UNITED

Aline Mayagoitia & Jelani Remy. Photo by Diane Sobolewski.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russians bear down on crucial city

Sievierodonetsk, in Ukraine's east, sees fierce urban warfare

By Matthew Mpoke Bigg
The New York Times

Fighting raged in Sievierodonetsk on Tuesday as Russian troops advanced toward the center of a city that has become a central focus for President Vladimir Putin's forces since they failed to seize Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, early in the war and pivoted to the east of the country.

Russian forces had occupied parts of Sievierodonetsk, an industrial city on the Seversky Donets River that is the last in the Luhansk region to remain outside Russian control, and were "gradually moving toward downtown," the head of the Ukrainian military administration in Luhansk, Serhiy Haidai, said.

"Street fighting continues," he said.

Most of the city's civilian prewar population of around 100,000 has fled in the face of a Russian artillery barrage that has gone on for weeks, but 12,000 people, many of them elderly, are trapped in appalling conditions, according to an estimate by the Norwegian Refugee Council aid group.

Families and young people have largely left the city. Many of the older people who remain have health problems or disabilities that make flight impossible, according to Jan Egeland, secretary-general of the Norwegian Refugee Council and a former United Nations humanitarian coordinator.



Bomb disposal experts defuse a Russian rocket Tuesday in a field in Borodianka, Ukraine. CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY

He called for a humanitarian cease-fire to allow for evacuations and the resupply of aid.

Ukrainian authorities halted attempts to evacuate civilians via a road leading to the city of Bakhmut on Monday after a French journalist was killed when the armored bus he was riding in was hit by shrapnel from what Ukrainian officials said was a Russian shell.

A relentless artillery barrage that has damaged as much as 90% of the city's buildings has forced remaining residents to hide in basements and bomb shelters, emerging only briefly.

The group has now lost contact with the only staff member who remained there; in the last phone call with him, the staff member described the situation as horrendous, Egeland said.

Russian forces have pounded Sievierodonetsk for weeks with artillery.

In recent days, they have

seized two key points northeast of the city, a hotel and a bus station, and have also gained ground in the southeast.

Moscow has gained leverage in its effort to take the city by focusing its forces on the region, according to military analysts. In doing so, it may be starting to correct an error made at the outset of the invasion in February, when spreading its forces across the country contributed to Russia's failure to take Kyiv or Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv.

Russian forces have fired on 46 settlements in the eastern provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk over the past day, killing at least three civilians and wounding seven others, Ukraine's chief of staff said in a statement Tuesday.

Earlier, the Moscow-backed leader of the self-proclaimed breakaway Luhansk People's Republic, Leonid Pasechnik, said one-third of Sievierodonetsk was in Russian hands, adding that his forces controlled 95% of Luhansk's territory.

"Our offensive is proceeding perhaps not as fast as we would like," Pasechnik said during an interview with Russian state news agency

Tass. "But above all, we want to preserve the infrastructure of the city as much as possible."

Later, the mayor of Sievierodonetsk said half of the city had been seized.

Over the weekend, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the Russian assault had already destroyed all of Sievierodonetsk's "critical infrastructure." Another city official last week said about 90% of residential buildings in the city were damaged.

Amid the fighting, two Russian soldiers were convicted of war crimes by a Ukrainian court, which sentenced each man to 11½ years in prison. Alexander Bobykin and Alexander Ivanov were charged with shelling civilian buildings in the Kharkiv region Feb. 24, the first day of the invasion. It is the second war crimes trial since the conflict began.

In his overnight address to the nation, Zelenskyy acknowledged the "extremely difficult" situation in the eastern region of Donbas, where he said "the maximum combat power of the Russian army is now gathered."

Zelenskyy also accused Moscow of blocking Ukraine's Black Sea ports, preventing the export of 22 million tons of grain, a move he said could exacerbate a global food crisis.

"This is the volume that was to enter the foreign market. And Russia's blockade of our exports is destabilizing the situation on a truly global scale," he said.

Meanwhile, the EU is urging other countries to avoid placing trade barriers

Clinton campaign lawyer acquitted of lying to FBI

Case was brought by a prosecutor Trump appointed

By Charlie Savage
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Michael Sussmann, a cybersecurity lawyer with ties to Democrats, was acquitted Tuesday of a felony charge that he lied to the FBI about having no client in 2016 when he shared a tip about possible connections between Donald Trump and Russia.

The verdict was a blow to the special counsel, John Durham, who was appointed by the Trump administration three years ago to scour the Trump-Russia investigation for any wrongdoing.

The case centered on odd internet data that cybersecurity researchers discovered in 2016 after it became public that Russia had hacked Democrats and Trump had encouraged the country to target Hillary Clinton's emails.

The researchers said the data might reflect a covert communications channel using servers for the Trump Organization and Alfa Bank, which has ties to the Kremlin. The FBI briefly

looked at the suspicions and dismissed them.

On Sept. 19, 2016, Sussmann brought those suspicions to a senior FBI official. Prosecutors accused him of falsely telling the official that he was not there on behalf of any client, concealing that he was working for Clinton's campaign and a technology executive who had given him the tip.

Durham and his prosecutors used court filings and trial testimony to describe how Sussmann, while working for a Democratic-linked law firm and logging his time to the Clinton campaign, had been trying to get reporters to write about the Alfa Bank suspicions.

But trying to persuade reporters to write about such suspicions is not a crime. Sussmann's guilt or innocence turned on whether he made a false statement to a senior FBI official at the 2016 meeting by saying he was sharing those suspicions on behalf of no one but himself.

Durham used the case to put forward a larger conspiracy: that there was a joint enterprise to essentially frame Trump for collusion with Russia by getting the FBI to investigate the suspicions so reporters would write about it. The scheme,

Durham implied, involved the Clinton campaign; its opposition research firm, Fusion GPS; Sussmann; and a cybersecurity expert who had brought the odd data and analysis to him.

That insinuation thrilled Trump's supporters who share his view that the Russia investigation was a "hoax" and have sought to conflate the inquiry with sometimes dubious accusations. In reality, the Alfa Bank matter was a sideshow: The FBI had already opened its inquiry on other grounds before Sussmann passed on the tip; the final report by the special counsel, Robert Mueller, made no mention of Alfa Bank.

But the case Durham and his team used to float their broad insinuations was thin: one count of making a false statement in a meeting with no other witnesses or contemporaneous notes. In a rebuke to the lead prosecutor, Andrew DeFilippis, and his colleagues, the 12 jurors voted unanimously to find Sussmann not guilty.

Some Trump supporters had been bracing for that outcome. They pointed to the District of Columbia's reputation as a heavily Democratic area and suggested a jury might be politically biased against



Michael Sussmann, a cybersecurity lawyer who did work for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, was found not guilty in a unanimous verdict on Tuesday. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

a Trump-era prosecutor trying to convict a defendant who was working for the Clinton campaign.

The judge told the jury that they were not to account for their political views when deciding the facts.

Durham expressed disappointment in the verdict but said he respected the decision by the jury, which deliberated for about six hours.

"I also want to recognize and thank the investigators and the prosecution team for their dedicated efforts in seeking truth and justice in

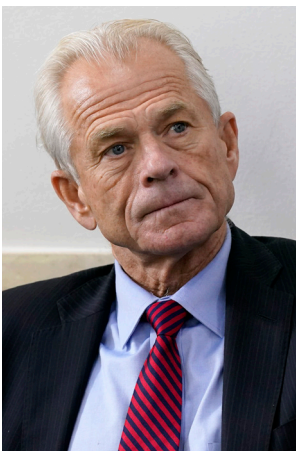
this case," he said in a statement.

Sussmann later read a brief statement to reporters outside the courthouse, expressing gratitude to the jury, his defense team and those who supported him and his family during what had been a difficult year. He did not take questions.

"I told the truth to the FBI, and the jury clearly recognized that with their unanimous verdict today," he said. "Despite being falsely accused, I am relieved that justice ultimately prevailed in this case."

The defense had argued that Sussmann brought the matter to the FBI only when he thought The New York Times was on the verge of writing an article about the matter so that the bureau would not be caught flat-footed.

During the trial, officials for the Clinton campaign testified they had not told or authorized Sussmann to go to the FBI. Doing so was against their interests because they did not trust the bureau, and it could slow down the publication of any article, they said.



Peter Navarro said he was subpoenaed last week. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP 2020

Former Trump adviser subpoenaed in DOJ's Jan. 6 probe

By Farnoush Amiri and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Trump adviser Peter Navarro revealed in a court filing Tuesday that he has been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury this week as part of the Justice Department's sprawling probe into the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Navarro, who was a trade adviser to then-President Donald Trump, said he was

served by the FBI last week at his Washington house. The subpoena is the first known instance of prosecutors seeking testimony from someone who worked in the Trump White House as they investigate the worst attack on the Capitol in two centuries.

In the filing, Navarro claims the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack is unlawful and therefore a subpoena it issued to him in February is unenforceable under law.

Navarro filed the suit against members of the committee, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and the U.S. attorney for D.C., Matthew Graves.

In an interview Tuesday, Navarro said the goal of his lawsuit is much broader than the subpoenas themselves, part of an effort to have "the Supreme Court address a number of issues that have come with the weaponization of Congress' investigatory powers" since Trump came to office.

He said he will respond

formally to the federal subpoena on Wednesday.

Though the scope of the department's investigation remains unclear, the subpoena to Navarro could signal that it is widening its probe to examine the activities and records of people who worked directly for the Republican president. The department previously issued subpoenas to people connected to the attack and the rallies in Washington that preceded the violence, in which a mob loyal to

Trump stormed the Capitol in a bid to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Navarro was one of the White House staffers who promoted Trump's baseless claims of mass voter fraud. He released a report in December 2020 that he claimed contained evidence of alleged misconduct.

He has refused to cooperate with the committee, and he and fellow Trump adviser Dan Scavino were found in contempt of Congress in April.

WORLD & NATION



A worker in protective gear watches a sidewalk barber cut a customer's hair Tuesday in Shanghai as authorities began easing a COVID-19 lockdown in the city. CHEN SI/AP

Shanghai set to reopen after 2-month COVID-19 lockdown

By Emily Wang Fujiyama and Ken Moritsugu Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Shanghai authorities say they will take major steps Wednesday toward reopening China's largest city after a two-month COVID-19 lockdown that has set back the national economy and largely confined millions of people to their homes.

Already, a steady stream of people strolled in the Bund, the city's historic waterfront park, on a pleasant Tuesday night, some taking selfies against the bright lights of the Pudong financial district on the other side of the river. Elsewhere, people gathered outside to eat and drink under the watch of police deployed to discourage large crowds from forming.

Vice Mayor Zong Ming announced that full bus and subway service will be restored on Wednesday, as will basic rail connections with the rest of China. Schools will partially reopen on a voluntary basis, and shopping malls, supermarkets, convenience stores and drugstores will reopen gradually. Cine-

mas and gyms will remain closed.

"The epidemic has been effectively controlled," Zong said.

Officials, who set June 1 as the target date for reopening earlier in May, appear ready to accelerate what has been a gradual easing in recent days. A few malls and markets have reopened, and some residents have been given passes allowing them out for a few hours at a time. In online chat groups, some expressed excitement about the prospect of being able to move about freely in the city for the first time since the end of March, while others remained cautious given the slow pace and stop-and-go nature of opening up so far.

Workers took down some barriers erected along sidewalks during the lockdown. A few people walked or biked on the still mostly empty streets.

More than half a million people in the city of 25 million won't be allowed out Wednesday — 190,000 who are still in lockdown areas and another 450,000 who are in control zones because they live near recent cases. Shanghai recorded 29

new cases on Monday, continuing a steady decline from more than 20,000 a day in April. Li Qiang, the top official from China's ruling Communist Party in Shanghai, was quoted as saying at a meeting Monday that the city had made major achievements in fighting the outbreak through continuous struggle.

The success came at a price. Authorities imposed a suffocating citywide lockdown under China's "zero-COVID" strategy that aims to snuff out any outbreak with mass testing and isolation of those infected.

Huge temporary facilities were set up in exhibition centers and other venues to house thousands of people who had tested positive. Teams of health care and other workers flew in from around the country to help the massive undertaking.

Factories were shuttered, or were allowed to operate only if workers slept on site to prevent the spread of the virus. Reduced production at semiconductor plants added to the global computer chip shortage. Containers backed up at the port of Shanghai because of a lack of truck drivers.

Students stung by revamped National Spelling Bee format

By Ben Nuckols Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — One speller ran off the stage in the middle of her time at the microphone, saying she needed to go to the bathroom. During one particularly brutal stretch, 10 consecutive spellers heard the bell that signals elimination.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee used to begin with a handshake. Now it starts with a slap to the face.

Leaner and meaner in its post-pandemic iteration, the bee returned to its usual venue Tuesday for the first time in three years, and spellers were greeted with a new preliminary-round format that gave them no time to get comfortable.

"The prelims is no joke. Every stage of the bee is so important," said Dhroov Bharatia, a 13-year-old from Plano, Texas, who finished fourth last year.

In years past, the early onstage spelling rounds did little beyond weeding out the weakest or most nervous spellers. The real action was a written test that determined who would reach the semifinals.

But during last year's mostly virtual bee, the bee's new executive director eliminated the test, and that structure continued as 229 spellers took the stage for this year's fully-in-person competition. Well over half the spellers who competed by midafternoon Tuesday were eliminated.

Spellers had to get through three words in one turn at the microphone to advance to Wednesday's quarterfinals. First, they were given a word from a provided list of 4,000 — more than twice as many as in years past. Then they had to answer a multiple-choice vocabulary question about a word on the same list. Finally, they had to spell a word that could be found anywhere in Webster's



Miles Hubbert, 10, of Centreville, Maryland, listens for a word Tuesday at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Spellors face a new preliminary round format. ALEX BRANDON/AP

Unabridged dictionary.

Annie-Lois Acheamong, one of three spellers from Ghana, didn't get that far. She labored successfully through her first word, "coulrophobia" — fear of clowns — and then was asked to define "edamame." She smiled initially, but when she crossed her legs and couldn't stand still, it was clear something else was going on with the 13-year-old eighth grader.

After asking for permission to use the bathroom, she scurried off the stage before she got an answer from the stunned judges, who paused the competition and conferred about how to handle the situation.

The judges let Annie-Lois return to the microphone after the day's last scheduled speller. Although she could have been eliminated for exceeding the 30-second time limit for the vocabulary question, Brooks said the speller's clock was paused because she was experiencing a legitimate emergency.

There is precedent for pausing the clock during what Brooks called "extenuating circumstances," notably in 2004 when Akshay Buddiga fainted on stage but finished in second

place.

Braydon Syx, 13, of West Blocton, Alabama, might not get that far, but his time in front of the microphone on Tuesday encapsulated the newly riveting drama of the early rounds.

The seventh grader took his first plane ride to the bee.

Braydon's first word was "ormolu" — a gold-colored alloy of copper, zinc and sometimes tin. He spelled out "O-R-M" and then took a long pause before spitting out the final three letters. He stretched his arms out to his sides after identifying the definition of the word "tremulous" — not a bad description of his demeanor at the microphone.

Then came "bromegrass" — any grass of a large genus of grasses native to temperate regions. Something about the word was bothering him.

"Can you say it again?" he asked.

"Can you say it again another time?" He took a deep breath and asked again.

Braydon, who will compete Wednesday, explained his dilemma: "On 'bromegrass,' I didn't know whether he was pronouncing it with an 'm' or an 'n.'"

BECOME A PROPANE PROPONENT

Introducing

VIESSMANN PROPANE BOILERS

- Up To 95 % Efficient
- Cut Heating Costs By up to 30%
- Cut Hot Water Costs By 50%
- Cut CO2 Emissions by 1 Ton a Year
- Now - \$500 Instant Daniels Discount

People are searching for cleaner more efficient ways to heat their homes.

Viessmann Boilers are wall-mounted **propane-fired condensing** boilers—among the most economical and cleanest ways to generate heat—and reduce your environmental footprint.



A 90% Efficient System Becomes a 95% Efficient System with Viessmann

That translates to as much as a 30% savings in annual heating costs.

Viessmann Boilers heat your home's hot water too - reducing that cost by as much as 50%.



Ready to heat with Propane?

LET DANIELS DO IT!

860.813.9106



\$500 Daniels Dollars offer available on select models. See Daniels representative for full details. Daniels Energy: CT License S1-385517 HOD#19 / Daniels Propane LLC #846 CT License S1-302857

WORLD & NATION

Formula shortage shows disparities

Black, Hispanic women facing a variety of hurdles

By Jacquelyn Martin, Adriana Gomez Licon and Terry Tang
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Md. — Capri Isidoro broke down in tears in the office of a lactation consultant.

The mother of two had been struggling to breast-feed her 1-month-old daughter ever since she was born, when the hospital gave the baby formula first without consulting her on her desire to breastfeed.

Now, with massive safety recall and supply disruptions causing formula shortages across the United States, she can't find the specific formula that helps with her baby's gas pains.

"It shouldn't be like this," said Isidoro, who lives in the Baltimore suburb of Elliott City. "We need formula for our kid, and where is this formula going to come from?"

As parents across the United States struggle to find formula to feed their children, the pain is particularly acute among Black and Hispanic women. Black women have historically faced obstacles to breastfeeding, including a lack of lactation support in hospitals, more pressure to formula feed and cultural roadblocks. It's one of many inequalities for Black mothers: They are far more likely to die from pregnancy complications, and less likely to have their concerns about pain taken seriously by doctors.

Low-income families buy the majority of formula in the U.S., and face a particular struggle: Experts fear small neighborhood grocery stores that serve these vulnerable populations are not replenishing as much as larger retail stores, leaving some of these families without the resources or means



Capri Isidoro can't find the specific baby formula her daughter needs to help alleviate gas pains. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

to hunt for formula.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 20% of Black women and 23% of Hispanic women exclusively breast-feed through six months, compared to 29% of white women. The overall rate stands at 26%. Hospitals that encourage breastfeeding and overall lactation support are less prevalent in Black neighborhoods, according to the CDC.

The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses also says Hispanic and Black women classified as low-wage workers have less access to lactation support in their workplaces.

The racial disparities reach far back in America's history. The demands of slave labor prevented mothers from nursing their children, and slave owners separated mothers from their own babies to have them serve as wet

nurses, breastfeeding other women's children.

In the 1950s, racially targeted commercials falsely advertised formula as a superior source of nutrition for infants. And studies continue to show that the babies of Black mothers are more likely to be introduced to formula in the hospital than the babies of white mothers.

Physicians say introducing formula means the baby will require fewer feedings from the mother, decreasing the milk supply as the breast is not stimulated enough to produce.

Andrea Freeman, author of the book "Skimmed: Breastfeeding, Race and Injustice," said these mothers still aren't getting the support they need when it comes to having the choice of whether to breastfeed or use formula. They also may have jobs that do not accommodate the time and space needed for breastfeeding

or pumping milk, Freeman said.

"Nobody's taking responsibility for the fact that they've steered families of color toward formula for so many years and made people rely on it and taken away choice. And then when it falls apart, there's not really any recognition or accountability," Freeman said.

Breastfeeding practices are often influenced by previous generations, with some studies suggesting better outcomes for mothers who were breastfed when they were babies.

Kate Bauer, an associate professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, said she began hearing in February about Black and Latino families in Detroit and Grand Rapids feeling stuck after finding smaller grocery stores running out of formula.

Some were told to go to the local office of the

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, better known as WIC, the federal program that supports low-income expectant and new mothers. Between 50% and 65% of the formula in the U.S. is bought through the program.

"Going to the WIC office is like a full day's errand for some moms," Bauer said.

She fears mothers are getting desperate enough to try foods that are not recommended for babies under 6 months.

Yury Navas, a Salvadoran immigrant who works at a restaurant and lives in Laurel, Maryland, says she was not able to produce enough breast milk and struggled to find the right formula for her nearly 3-month-old baby Jose Ismael, after others caused vomiting, diarrhea and discomfort.

One time, they drove for 30 minutes to a store where

workers told them they had the type she needed, but it was gone when they got there. Her husband goes out every night to search pharmacies around midnight.

"It's so hard to find this type," she said, saying sometimes they have run out before they can secure more formula. "The baby will cry and cry, so we give him rice water."

Some mothers have turned to social media and befriended other locals to cast a wider net during shopping trips.

In Miami, Denise Castro, who owns a construction company, started a virtual group to support new moms during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now it's helping moms get the formula they need as they go back to work. One of them is a Hispanic teacher whose job leaves her with little flexibility to care for her 2-month old infant, who is sensitive to a lot of formula brands.

"Most of the moms we have been helping are Black and Latinas," Castro said. "These moms really don't have the time to visit three to four places in their lunch hour."

Lisette Fernandez, a 34-year-old Cuban American first-time mother of twins, has relied on friends and family to find the liquid 2-ounce bottles she needs. Recently, her father went to four pharmacies before he was able to get her some boxes with the tiny bottles.

Fernandez said she wasn't able to initiate breastfeeding, trying with an electric pump but saying she produced very little. Her mother, who arrived in Miami from Cuba as a 7-year-old girl, had chosen not to breastfeed her children, saying she did not want to, and taken medication to suppress lactation.

Some studies have attributed changes in breastfeeding behavior among Hispanics to assimilation, saying Latina immigrants perceive formula feeding as an American practice.

Wild La Nina is guest who never leaves

Weather pattern to occur more often, scientists claim

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

Something weird is up with La Nina, the natural but potent weather event linked to more drought and wildfires in the western United States and more Atlantic hurricanes. It's becoming the nation's unwanted weather guest and meteorologists said the West's megadrought won't go away until La Nina does.

The current double-dip La Nina set a record for strength last month and is forecast to likely be around for a rare but not quite unprecedented third consecutive winter.

And it's not just this one.

Scientists are noticing that in the past 25 years the world seems to be getting more La Ninas than it used to and that is just the opposite of what their best computer model simulations say should be happening with human-caused climate change.

"They (La Ninas) don't know when to leave," said Michelle L'Heureux, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast office for La Nina and its more famous flip side, El Nino.

An Associated Press statistical analysis of winter La Ninas show that they used to happen about 28% of the time from 1950 to 1999, but in the past 25 winters, they've been brewing nearly half the time. There's a small chance that this effect could be random, but if the La Nina sticks around this winter, as forecast, that would push

the trend over the statistically significant line, which is key in science, L'Heureux said.

Her own analysis shows that La Nina-like conditions are occurring more often in the last 40 years. Other new studies are showing similar patterns.

What's bothering many scientists is that their go-to climate simulation models that tend to get conditions right over the rest of the globe predict more El Ninos, not La Ninas, and that's causing contention in the climate community about what to believe, according to Columbia University climate scientist Richard Seager and MIT hurricane scientist Kerry Emanuel.

What Seager and other scientists said is happening is that the eastern equatorial Atlantic is not warming as fast as the western equatorial Atlantic or even the rest of the world with climate change.

And it's not the amount of warming that matters but the difference between the west and east.

The more the difference, the more likely a La Nina, the less the difference, the more likely an El Nino.

Scientists speculate it could be related to another natural cycle, called the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, or it could be caused by human-caused climate change — or both.

"At this point we just don't know," L'Heureux said. "Scientists are watching and I know, are actively studying. But it's really important because of regional conditions. We need to get this right."

La Nina is a natural and cyclical cooling of parts of the equatorial Pacific that



The Manayunk neighborhood in Philadelphia is flooded in 2021 in the aftermath of downpours from the remnants of Hurricane Ida. La Nina is fast becoming the nation's unwanted weather guest, meteorologists say. MATT ROURKE/AP

changes weather patterns worldwide, as opposed to El Nino's warming. Often leading to more Atlantic hurricanes, less rain and more wildfires in the West and agricultural losses in the middle of the country, studies have shown La Nina is more expensive to the United States than the El Nino.

Together El Nino, La Nina and the neutral condition are called ENSO, which stands for El Nino Southern Oscillation, and they have one of the largest natural effects on climate, at times augmenting and other times dampening the big effects of human-caused climate change from the burning of coal, oil and gas, scientists said.

"They really have a very, very strong" effect, said research scientist Azhar Ehsan, who heads Columbia University's El Nino/La Nina forecasting. "So a third consecutive La Nina is not at all a welcome thing."

He said the dangerous heat in India and Pakistan this month and in April is connected to La Nina.

The current La Nina formed in the late summer of 2020 when the Atlantic set a record for the number of named storms. It strengthened in the winter when the West's drought worsened and in the early summer of 2021 it weakened enough that NOAA said conditions were neutral. But that pause only lasted a few months and by early fall 2021 La Nina was back, making it a double dip.

Normally second years of La Nina tend to be weaker, but in April this La Nina surprised meteorologists by setting a record for intensity in April, which is based on sea surface temperatures, Ehsan said.

"These are very impressive values for April," L'Heureux said. Still, because La Ninas historically weaken over summer and there are slight signs that this one may be easing a bit, there's the small but increasing chance that this La Nina could warm just enough to be considered neutral in late summer.

La Nina has its biggest effect in the winter and

that's when it is a problem for the West because it's the rainy season that is supposed to recharge areas reservoirs. But the West is in a 22-year megadrought, about the same time period of increasing La Nina frequency.

Three factors — ENSO, climate change and randomness — are biggest when it comes to the drought, which is itself a huge trigger for massive wildfires, said UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain.

Without climate change, La Nina and bad luck could have made the drought the worst in 300 years but with climate change it's the worst in at least 1,200 years, said UCLA climate hydrologist Park Williams.

La Nina "is a pretty important player; it may be the dominant player," said Swain, who has a blog on Western weather. "It could be responsible for one-third, maybe one-half of the given conditions if it is pronounced enough."

"It's much less likely that the Southwest will see at

least even a partial recovery from the megadrought during La Nina," Swain said.

La Nina "amps up your Atlantic storms" but decreases them in the Pacific, said Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach.

It's all about winds 6 to 7 miles above the water surface. One of the key factors in storm development is whether there is wind shear, which are changes in wind from high to low elevations. Wind shear can decapitate or tip over hurricanes, making them hard to strengthen and at times even stick around. Wind shear can also let dry air into hurricanes that chokes them.

When there's an El Nino, there's lots of Atlantic wind shear and it's hard for hurricanes to get going.

But La Nina means little wind shear in the Atlantic, making it easier for storms to intensify and do it quickly, said University of Albany hurricane researcher Kristen Corbosiero.

"That's a really huge factor," Corbosiero said.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Inspectors call for authority to go after more relief fund fraud

From news services

Inspectors general need more authority to go after fraud in the COVID-19 relief programs, the independent committee overseeing federal pandemic relief spending said Tuesday.

The agencies watchdogs' authority to administratively prosecute fraudsters is limited to fraud of \$150,000 or less from COVID-19 relief programs and the Department of Justice is too busy for cases under \$1 million—a gap that must be closed, the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee said.

Michael Horowitz, head of the committee and the inspector general of the Department of Justice, said the \$150,000 threshold is far too low given the scope of the fraud in programs set up to help businesses and people who lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

He's asking Congress to modify provisions in the law on fraud committed against the federal government, to raise the maximum amount of a fraud claim that may be handled administratively to \$1 million.

The request was highlighted in the committee's semiannual report to Congress released Tuesday.

Out of more than \$5 trillion in pandemic relief spending, more than 1 million awards under \$1 million have been given out, according to the committee.

Inspectors general nationwide are focused on multimillion-dollar cases of alleged fraud that are turned over to the DOJ for prosecution.

Horowitz said he was not aware of any cases being brought for below \$150,000, though he does know of cases that they would like to prosecute administratively involv-

ing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Most U.S. attorneys would not pursue cases for under \$1 million because they are overwhelmed with other fraud cases, he added.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is sponsoring a bill that would make the change.

It has bipartisan support, including from Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., a co-sponsor who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee was created by Congress in March 2020.

It brings together the inspectors general offices to oversee pandemic relief emergency spending and investigate fraud and improper payments spread out among more than 400 programs implemented by 40 federal agencies.

Supreme Court move: A divided Supreme Court has blocked a Texas law, championed by conservatives, that aimed to keep social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter from censoring users based on their viewpoints.

The court voted in an unusual 5-4 alignment Tuesday to put the Texas law on hold, while a lawsuit plays out in lower courts.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett voted to grant the emergency request from two technology industry groups that challenged the law in federal court.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Elena Kagan and Neil Gorsuch would have allowed the law to remain in effect. The Texas law was initially blocked by a district judge, but then allowed to take effect by a panel of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.



Deadly Brazilian floods: A man glares Tuesday at the site of a landslide in the Ibura neighborhood of Recife, Brazil. The death toll from torrential rains that triggered floods and landslides in northeastern Brazil rose to 100, officials said, as emergency workers searched for more victims. The low-lying metropolitan region is set at the delta of three rivers. **SERGIO MARANHÃO/GETTY-AFP**

Pacific hurricane: Hurricane Agatha made history as the strongest hurricane ever recorded to come ashore in May during the eastern Pacific hurricane season, ripping off roofs and washing out roads before fading Tuesday in southern Mexico.

Oaxaca state Gov. Alejandro Murat told MVS Noticias Tuesday that eight people were listed as missing in either mudslides or flooding.

The storm hit Oaxaca state Monday as a Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph.

Summit of Americas: President Joe Biden's administration is putting final touches on an agenda for next week's Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, but it's still unclear if Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador will attend.

His absence would be a setback for the United States, which is hosting the summit for the first time since 1994. Mexico is a top U.S. trading

partner and Latin America's second-most populous country.

Lopez Obrador has said that he doesn't want to go unless every country in the region is invited, but the U.S. has resisted inviting autocratic governments like Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

Israeli accusation: Israel said Tuesday that it has proof that Iran stole classified documents from the U.N. atomic energy agency nearly two decades ago and used them to conceal its nuclear activities from international inspectors.

The documents appear to show that Iran was spying on the inspectors and trying to anticipate and respond to any allegations of wrongdoing, but they do not appear to contain any evidence it was pursuing nuclear weapons. The release came as Israel has been pressing the U.S. and other world powers not to restore a tattered nuclear

deal with Iran.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett circulated the documents to media. His office said they came from a trove of Iranian nuclear files seized by Israel in 2018 but have not previously been made public. The Wall Street Journal first reported on the documents last week, saying it had obtained them from "a Middle East intelligence agency" in a country opposed to Iran's nuclear program.

Bennett said he was sharing the documents in response to remarks by Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, who dismissed the allegations as "lies."

New Nalvany charges: Russia's opposition leader Alexei Navalny said Tuesday that he is facing new criminal accusations that could extend his current nine-year prison term.

Navalny said on Instagram

that an investigator visited him in prison to declare that the authorities have opened a new investigation against him on charges of "creating an extremist group to fan hatred against officials and oligarchs" and trying to stage unsanctioned rallies.

He added that the charges could keep him in prison for another 15 years if he's convicted. Navalny, the most determined political foe of Russian President Vladimir Putin, was arrested in January 2021 upon returning from Germany, where he had been recuperating from nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin, and handed a 2½-year sentence for a parole violation.

In March, Navalny was sentenced to nine years in prison on fraud and contempt of court charges he rejected as politically motivated, a move that signaled an attempt by the authorities to keep him behind bars for as long as possible.

Iraqi farmers are left with flood of misery over water scarcity

By Samya Kullab
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Salah Chelab crushed a husk of wheat plucked from his sprawling farmland south of Baghdad and inspected its seeds in the palm of one hand. They were several grams lighter than he hoped.

"It's because of the water shortages," he said, the farm machine roaring behind him, cutting and gathering his year's wheat harvest.

Chelab had planted most of his 10 acres of land, but he was only able to irrigate a quarter of it after the Agriculture Ministry introduced strict water quotas during the growing season, he said. The produce he was growing on the rest of it, he fears, "will die without water."

As worldwide prices for wheat have soared due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Iraqi farmers say they are paying the price for a government decision to cut irrigation for agricultural areas by 50%.

The government took the step in the face of severe water shortages arising from high temperatures and drought — believed to be fueled by climate change — and ongoing water extraction by neighboring countries from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

All those factors have heavily strained wheat production.

Wrestling with the water shortage, Iraq's government has been unable to tackle other long-neglected issues.

Desertification has been blamed as a factor behind this year's relentless sandstorms.

At least 10 have hit the country in the past few months, covering cities with a thick blanket of orange dust, grounding flights and sending thousands to hospitals.

"We need water to solve the problem of desertification, but we also need water to secure our food supplies," said Essa Fayadh, a senior

official at the Environment Ministry. "We don't have enough for both."

Iraq relies on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers for nearly all of its water needs. Both flow into Iraq from Turkey and Iran. Those countries have constructed dams that have either blocked or diverted water, creating major shortages in Iraq.

Water Resources Minister Mahdi Rasheed said river levels were down 60% compared to last year.

For Chelab, less water has meant a smaller grain size and lower crop yields.

In 2021, Chelab produced 30,000 tons of wheat, the year before that 32,000, receipts from Trade Ministry silos show. This year, he expects no more than 10,000.

His crops are both rain-fed and irrigated via a channel from the Euphrates. Due to low precipitation levels, he has had to rely on the river water during the growing season, he said.

Government officials say change is necessary.

The current system has been inefficient and unsustainable for decades. Water scarcity is leaving them no choice but to push to modernize antiquated and wasteful farming techniques.

"We have a strategic plan to face drought considering the lack of rain, global warming, and the lack of irrigation coming from neighboring countries as we did not get our share of water entitlements," said Hamid al-Naif, spokesman at the Agriculture Ministry.

The ministry took measures to devise new types of drought-resistant wheat and introduce methods to increase crop yields.

"We are still dealing with irrigation systems of the 1950s. It has nothing to do with the farmers," he said.

"The state must make it efficient, we must force the farmer to accept it." Iraqi farmers have historically been heavily depen-

dent on the state in the production of food, a reliance that policymakers and experts said drains government funds.

The Agriculture Ministry supports farmers by providing everything from tools, seeds, fertilizers and pesticides at a subsidized rate or for free.

Water diverted from rivers for irrigation is given at no cost.

The Trade Ministry then stores or buys produce from farmers and distributes it to markets.

Wheat is a key strategic crop, accounting for 70% of total cereal production in the country. Planting starts in October and harvest typically begins in April and extends to June in some areas. Last year, the Agriculture Ministry slashed subsidies for fertilizers, seeds and pesticides, angering farmers.

Local demand for the staple is between 5 million and 6 million tons a year. In 2021, Iraq produced 4.2 million tons of wheat, according to the Agriculture Ministry. In 2020, it was 6.2 million tons.

"Today, we might get 2.5 million tons at best," said al-Naif.

Most of the wheat harvest is usually sold to the Trade Ministry. In a sign of the low harvest, so far there are currently only 373,000 tons of wheat available in Trade Ministry storehouses, al-Naif said.

To meet demands amid the recent global crisis in the grain market, the government recently changed a policy to allow all Iraqi farmers to sell their produce to the Trade Ministry silos.

Previously, this was limited to farmers who operated within the government plan.

Back in Chelab's farm, the wheat is ready to be transported to the silo.

"It's true we need to develop ourselves," he said. "But the change should be gradual, not immediate."

Presented by

Hartford Courant

The best of the best revealed

Readers voted by the thousands in nearly 200 categories. Now, join us in celebrating the best of what Hartford has to offer.

See the winners

Courant.com/bestof

BUSINESS

COURANT.COM/BUSINESS

Biden, Powell meet while inflation grips consumers

President says rising prices are top economic priority, won't meddle with Fed

By **Jim Tankersley** and **Jeanna Smialek**
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden met with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell at the White House on Tuesday, as part of an effort to sell Americans on a brightening view of the economy and reassure consumers that leaders in Washington are hard at work to slow rapidly rising prices.

Speaking to reporters at the start of the meeting, Biden reiterated that fighting inflation was his top economic priority and that he would not interfere with the Fed as it tries to tame rising prices.

That fight, Biden said, “starts with a simple proposition: Respect the Fed, respect the Fed’s independence, which I have done and will continue to do.”

The president added that Powell “and other members of the Fed have noted at this moment they have been laser-focused on addressing inflation like I am.”

The Fed has begun raising interest rates to slow down the economy, hoping that

reining in consumer demand will eventually help bring price increases under control.

But while the central bank may help cool down the economy to a more sustainable path over time, the Fed’s moves are likely to hurt in the near term: Rate increases are making it more expensive for households and businesses to borrow money for big purchases, and they work to counteract inflation partly by slowing down hiring and wage growth.

Biden’s push to slow inflation puts Powell in a potentially awkward position. The president has said that he respects the Fed’s independence to set monetary policy and that he will not cajole the central bank to change interest rates. But Biden has also made clear that he expects the Fed to tame inflation without plunging the economy into a recession — a combination that could be difficult for Powell to pull off.

Inflation in the United States is running near its fastest pace in four decades, with prices rising for gas, food and rent. While price pressures have shown early signs of

abating, it is unclear how large and sustainable that decline will be, given kinks in global supply chains and Russia’s war in Ukraine.

The squeeze hitting consumers comes at a tough time for the White House and Democrats, as the November midterm elections approach and voters cite inflation and the cost of living as top economic concerns.

Tuesday’s meeting was the first since Powell was renominated in November by Biden to lead the central bank and comes two weeks after his confirmation for a second term by the Senate.

The White House, along with the Fed, initially portrayed the inflation surge as a temporary side effect caused by supply chain issues as the U.S. emerged from the pandemic.

Republican lawmakers were fast to criticize Biden’s \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package from last year as pumping too much money into the economy and causing more inflation.

Associated Press contributed.

Grounded flights ruin summer travel start

Associated Press

The unofficial start of summer over the Memorial Day weekend offered a troubling glimpse of what lies ahead for travelers during the peak vacation season.

U.S. airlines canceled more than 2,800 flights from Thursday through Monday, or about 2% of their schedules, according to tracking service FlightAware.

Delta Air Lines, usually among the top performers, had the worst record among major carriers with more than 800 canceled flights over the five-day span.

“This was a chance for airlines to show that last summer’s delays would not be repeated this summer, and yet, it was not to be,” said Helane Becker, an analyst for banking firm Cowen, who blamed the disruptions on bad weather, air traffic control delays, airline crew members calling in sick, and long security lines at some airports.

The good news was that cancellations were down sharply Tuesday. FlightAware reported only about 50 on the East Coast.

Various forecasts of high numbers of travelers over the weekend proved to be accurate.

The Transportation Security Administration reported screening more than 11 million people at airport checkpoints from Thursday through Monday.

That was down 9% from the same days in 2019, but an increase of almost 25% over last year. Crowds of just under 2.4 million on both Thursday and Friday nearly matched the pandemic high set on the Sunday after Thanksgiving last year.

Delta did not immediately comment about its weekend troubles.

Last week, the airline said it was being challenged by factors including rising COVID-19 cases among workers, and it trimmed its July and August schedules in an effort to improve reliability.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Record inflation seen in Eurozone

LONDON — Eurozone inflation hit a record 8.1% in May amid surging energy and food costs fueled in part by Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Annual inflation in the 19 countries that use the euro soared past the previous record of 7.4% reached in March and April, according to the latest numbers published Tuesday by the European Union statistics agency, Eurostat.

Inflation in the eurozone is now at its highest level since record keeping for the euro began in 1997.

Energy prices jumped 39.2%, highlighting how the war and the global energy crunch it has caused are making life more expensive for the eurozone’s 343 million people, and food, alcohol and tobacco prices rose 7.5%.

Spain bill tackles customer service

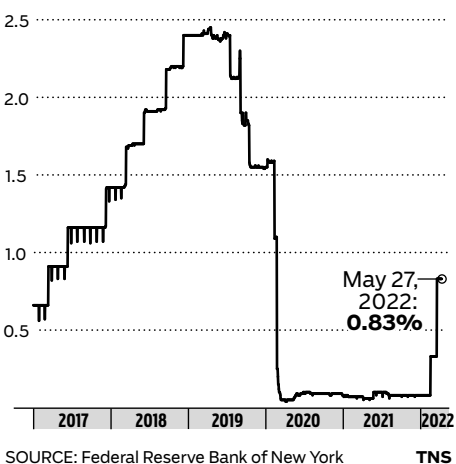
MADRID — Lawmakers in Spain want to end one-sided conversations with a computerized answering service by making it obligatory for companies to offer a real, flesh-and-blood customer service worker when so requested by a caller.

That is one among a battery of measures included in a customer service bill presented by Spain’s left-wing coalition government on Tuesday. The bill will need the approval of Spain’s Parliament before it can become law.

The bill seeks to force companies to answer calls within three minutes. Providers of basic services, such as utilities, phone and internet, would have to offer customer service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All other companies would have to provide customer service during working hours.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

TNS



Park Chang-jin, center, a former Korean Air flight attendant who campaigns against abuse at work as a political party leader, participates in a protest rally last month in Seoul, South Korea, for a temporary worker who died in an industrial accident. **CHANG W. LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

SKorean workers defy abuse

Workplace harassment, so pervasive in this Asian nation, has triggered social backlash

By **Choe Sang-Hun**
The New York Times

SEOUL, South Korea — A boss orders a worker to feed and clean up after his dog. An airline heiress makes a taxiing passenger plane return to the gate to remove a flight attendant who rubbed her the wrong way. The 10-year-old granddaughter of a newspaper tycoon hurls insults at her chauffeur, threatening to fire him for being spoiled.

Such behavior has become so common in South Korea that the country now has a name for it: “gapjil.”

The word is a portmanteau for when “gap,” people with power, abuse “eul,” those who work for them. And in South Korea’s deeply hierarchical society, where one’s social standing is determined by profession, job title and wealth, hardly anyone has escaped its claws.

More recently, though, gapjil has triggered a backlash. On websites, street banners and even stickers in public bathrooms, government agencies, the police,

civic groups and corporations are offering “gapjil hotlines” encouraging citizens to blow the whistle on officials and bosses who abuse their authority.

Using bullying language, offering bribes, preying on subcontractors and failing to pay workers on time are all examples of gapjil. On college campuses, students are hanging placards accusing “gapjil professors” of sexual harassment.

The campaigns appear to be working. Politicians, senior government officials and corporate bigwigs have all seen their reputations ruined after gapjil scandals. The public has swelled with pride — and a good dose of schadenfreude — while watching the rich and powerful fall from grace.

Gapjil became an election issue during the presidential campaign. The wife of Lee Jae-myung, a leading candidate, was forced to apologize after she was accused of treating government officials as though they were her personal servants, having them pick up takeout food and do her holiday shopping while Lee was a provincial governor. Lee lost the election by a razor-thin margin.

Park Chang-jin, a former Korean Air flight attendant who campaigns against gapjil as a leader of the small opposition

Justice Party, knows the feeling.

In 2014, Cho Hyun-ah, the daughter of the former Korean Air chairman Cho Yang-ho, forced a passenger jet taxiing at Kennedy International Airport in New York to return to the gate because she didn’t like the way the macadamia nuts were served to her in first class. Park and another flight attendant were made to kneel before Cho, who let the plane depart only after Park had been kicked off the plane.

Some trace gapjil’s origins to South Korea’s military dictators, who enforced a command-and-compliance culture that remains pervasive. It is both “the basic grammar” and “a deep-rooted malaise” of a South Korean society that reflects the “rankism its people are addicted to,” Kang Jun-man, a media scholar, wrote in his book on gapjil.

Despite the anti-gapjil movement, South Korea may have a long way to go to make its work environment more fair and its society more equal. A law against workplace harassment took effect in 2019, but it mandates only disciplinary actions or a financial penalty of up to \$8,000. In a survey last year by Gabjil 119, a civic group that offers legal advice for victims, nearly 29% of workers reported abuse at work.

Singapore braces for Malaysia chicken ban

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Diners in Singapore are bracing for prices of their national chicken-and-rice dish to soar as neighboring Malaysia prepares to block exports starting Wednesday to increase supplies in its own markets and hold down surging prices.

Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob announced last week that, beginning June 1, Malaysia will ban exports of 3.6 million chickens a month until domestic prices and production stabilize. The move is felt most in Singapore, which sources a third of its poultry from Malaysia.

Almost all the chickens are imported live to Singapore, where they are slaughtered

and chilled. Singapore consumers have been rushing to stock up on fresh chicken ahead of the ban, with local media reporting that shelves in some wet markets and supermarkets have been cleared of poultry.

The Singapore Straits Times said chicken sellers predicted the cost of chilled chicken could rise by up to 30%, sending chicken dish prices soaring. The Singapore government has urged consumers to switch to frozen chicken and other alternative meats, and is exploring new markets for fresh chicken.

But there is concern over the fate of the ubiquitous chicken rice that is sold everywhere from hawkers stalls to top hotels. Popular eatery Tian Tian Hainanese Chicken Rice, which gets its poultry

entirely from Malaysia, reportedly said it will introduce pork and seafood dishes instead of using frozen chicken if it fails to find new suppliers.

Malaysia’s ban comes as countries worldwide grapple with soaring food prices, fueled partly by Russia’s war in Ukraine. Ukraine is a major exporter of corn and grains that are key components of chicken feed.

The move came as a surprise by Ismail’s government, which took power in August and faces a general election next year.

The ban also troubled smaller Malaysian poultry farmers who supply to Singapore to help keep their operations afloat. The government didn’t say how long the export ban will last.

BUSINESS



An abandoned Ilyushin Il-76 jet linked to arms smuggler Viktor Bout lies partially dismantled Friday at the old airfield of Umm al-Quwain, United Arab Emirates. **KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP**

Plane of imprisoned Russian gunrunner scrapped in UAE

By Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

UMM AL-QUWAIN, United Arab Emirates — The hulking, Soviet-era cargo plane has sat for decades under the blazing sun in a remote corner of the United Arab Emirates, its four jet engines silent after years in the employ of a Russian gunrunner known as the “Merchant of Death.” But instead of a missile or gunfire finally taking out this Ilyushin Il-76 tied to arms smuggler Viktor Bout, the plane appears destined for scrap to make way for a force more powerful in this federation of seven sheikhdoms: Luxury real estate.

The emirate of Umm al-Quwain plans a \$675 million development on an island just across a lagoon from the deactivated airport where Bout’s plane sits.

His legacy, however, lives on even as workers disassemble the aircraft’s wings — Russia has suggested America trade Bout for U.S. citizens held by Moscow amid its war on Ukraine.

The iconic bulging nose of the plane represented a landmark for the low-cost

liquor store at Umm al-Quwain’s Barracuda Beach Resort. That’s even with large letters painted on the Ilyushin for the last 20-odd years as a billboard for another hotel.

The tail number — and two others on jet engine inlet covers — link back to Bout-operated airlines that once plied the skies between Africa, Europe and the Middle East, carrying Soviet-era ammunition, rifles, rockets and other instruments of destruction into war zones such as Afghanistan, Angola and Liberia.

Bout used Sharjah, a neighboring emirate of Dubai, as a base for much of his fleet, even though the planes were registered in third countries — like the Ilyushin, flying under the flag of the Central African Republic.

But when the Ilyushin became too dangerous to fly, he came up with a plan to sell the plane to serve as advertising, said Stephen Braun, co-author of a book on the gunrunner called “Merchant of Death.”

Umm al-Quwain has no oil or natural gas of its own,

and as the UAE’s smallest emirate by population, it has not enjoyed the financial success of Dubai or the energy-rich capital of Abu Dhabi. But a growing demand for real estate has the emirate betting its new development could spur new life into the otherwise-sleepy sheikhdom.

Extradited from Thailand, Bout was convicted in 2011 and is serving a 25-year sentence in a federal prison in Illinois on charges he conspired to sell millions of dollars in weapons to rebels in Colombia — who actually were Drug Enforcement Administration agents.

However in the years since, Russia has repeatedly floated his name in possible exchanges for Americans held by Moscow. His prominence and rise in the wake of the Soviet Union’s collapse has Braun and others suspicious that Bout had ties to Russia’s GRU military intelligence agency.

As recently as May 13, the Russian news agency Tass quoted an anonymous official suggesting Bout could be traded for detained WNBA All-Star Brittney Griner.

Unionized Starbucks stores face hard work of bargaining

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

It’s become a common sight: jubilant Starbucks workers celebrating after successful votes to unionize at dozens of U.S. stores.

But when the celebrations die down, a daunting hurdle remains: To win the changes they seek — such as better pay and more reliable schedules — unionized stores must sit down with Starbucks and negotiate a contract.

It’s a painstaking process that can take years.

“The meat is at the bargaining table,” said A.J. Jones, Starbucks’ senior vice president of global communications and a former consultant to companies during labor negotiations.

At least 85 of Starbucks’ 9,000 company-run U.S. stores have voted to unionize since December, according to the National Labor Relations Board, and at least 10 stores have rejected the union. At least 268 stores representing 7,244 workers across the U.S. have petitioned the NLRB to hold union elections.

As of last month, the labor board says it has officially certified 64 of those 85 elections, which means Starbucks must begin bargaining with the union at those stores. So far, two in Buffalo, New York, and one in Mesa, Arizona, have begun the process; many others are talking to Starbucks about dates to begin negotiating, according to Workers United, which represents the unionized stores.

All this is happening amid tensions between Workers United and the Seattle coffee giant, which opposes unionization. Already, the NLRB has filed 56 complaints against Starbucks for various labor law violations, including firing workers for union activity.



Starbucks worker Joe Thompson helped organize successful union elections at two of the Seattle-based coffee giant’s stores located in Santa Cruz, California. **JOE THOMPSON**

Starbucks has filed two complaints against the union, saying labor organizers harassed and intimidated workers at some stores.

Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, a longtime union foe, said during a corporate earnings call in May that the company respects the rights of Starbucks’ employees and will bargain where it’s required to.

But he also insisted that employees don’t need a union to get the best-in-class wages and benefits Starbucks provides.

“Sharing success through wins and benefits with our partners is among our core values, and has been for 50 years,” Schultz said.

Schultz then announced \$200 million in new investments for non-union stores, including raises for veteran employees and more training time for new baristas. The company even promised one of the union’s priorities — credit card tipping — before the end of this year. Schultz said federal labor law prohibits the company from automatically shar-

ing those investments with unionized stores.

But labor experts say that’s a classic anti-union tactic, and Starbucks could easily offer the new benefits as part of the bargaining process.

Joe Thompson, a Starbucks worker who recently helped organize successful union elections at two stores in Santa Cruz, California, said the announcement confused and upset workers — and, for many, underscored the need for a union.

“They’re literally threatening to improve the material conditions at non-union stores,” Thompson said. “But they can take those benefits away at any point. If we have our contract, they can’t take those things away.”

Starbucks said the delays aren’t intentional, and the company is simply following the process. Spokesperson Reggie Borges said the union’s insistence on store-by-store union elections — instead of regional ones, as Starbucks requested — is one reason bargaining is limping along.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

DOWN

32,990.12 -222.84

10-YR T-BOND

2.84% +.09

GOLD

\$1,842.70 -8.60

33,280

31,940

30,600

30,000

D

J

F

M

A

M

10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 32,990.12

Change: -222.84 (-0.7%)

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	114.67	115.07	+52.47%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.15	8.73	+118.36%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	4.02	4.02	+80.63%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,842.70	1,851.30	+83%
Silver (oz)	21.65	22.06	-7.19%

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.2605	.7933
Canada	.7909	1.2644
China	.1499	6.6727
Euro	1.0736	.9314
Japan	.007773	128.65
Mexico	.050797	19.6860

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	4.00	4.00	
3-mo. T-Bill	1.15	1.09	
6-mo. T-Bill	1.64	1.56	
5-yr T-Note	2.81	2.88	
10-yr T-Note	2.84	2.86	
30-yr T-Bond	3.05	3.07	

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,388.35	-187.63	-1.29%	-9.42%
London	7,607.66	+7.60	+10%	+3.02%
Hong Kong	21,415.20	+717.84	+3.47%	-8.47%
Nikkei	27,279.80	+498.12	+1.86%	-5.25%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,990.12	-222.84	-9.21%
DOW Trans.	14,301.49	-143.17	-13.21%
DOW Util.	1,023.05	-12.25	+4.31%
NYSE Comp.	15,827.05	-115.57	-7.79%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,081.39	-49.74	-22.78%
S&P 500	4,132.15	-26.09	-13.30%
S&P 400	2,514.80	-25.04	-11.51%
Wilshire 5000	41,084.90	-306.37	-15.22%
Russell 2000	1,864.04	-23.86	-16.98%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	YTD %CHG
AGNC Investment Cp (AGNC)	12.23	+.02	-18.7	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	14.34	-.09	-47.3	
AT&T Inc (T)	21.29	...	-13.5	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	101.86	-.40	-29.2	
Amcor plc (AMCR)	13.10	-.21	+9.1	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	70.86	-.47	-19.0	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.61	-.03	-15.5	
APA Corp (APA)	47.01	-.61	+74.8	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	148.84	-.80	-16.2	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.59	-.53	-4.6	
Bank of America (BAC)	37.20	+.18	-16.4	
Barnes Group (B)	36.03	+.24	-22.7	
BlackSky Technology (BKSY)	3.27	+.65	-27.2	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2243.56	-22.42	-6.5	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.45	-.69	+21.0	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	96.75	-1.30	-6.2	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	13.88	-.09	-31.0	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	39.31	-.92	-27.5	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	506.93	-3.01	-22.2	
Cigna Corp (CI)	268.29	-4.11	+16.8	
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	45.05	-.57	-28.9	
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)	23.18	-1.39	+6.5	
CocaCola Co (KO)	63.38	-1.30	+7.0	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	44.28	+.12	-12.0	
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	1.95	-.06	-60.8	
Disney (DIS)	110.44	+1.12	-28.7	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	105.63	-2.07	-17.1	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.26	-.33	-11.5	
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.32	-.98	+1.5	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	96.00	-1.59	+56.9	
Ford Motor (F)	13.68	+.05	-34.1	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.10	-.12	-21.2	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	224.91	-1.60	+7.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	78.29	-.47	-17.1	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.66	+.25	-62.7	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	72.51	+.20	+5.0	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	193.62	-2.73	-7.1	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.29	+.08	-22.8	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.52	-.03	-75.9	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.86	-.14	-25.5	
Intel Corp (INTC)	44.42	-.13	-13.7	
Kaman (KAMN)	36.21	-.04	-16.1	
Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP)	34.74	-.44	-5.8	
Keycorp (KEY)	19.96	+.14	-13.7	
Kinder Morgan Inc (KMI)	19.69	-.25	+24.1	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	57.93	-.39	-15.1	
M&T Bank (MTB)	179.97	+.37	+17.2	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	34.97	+.08	-22.1	
Marathon Oil (MRO)	31.43	+.36	+91.4	
MetLife Inc (MET)	67.39	-.33	+7.8	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	271.87	-1.37	-19.2	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.40	+.43	-73.2	
Novartis AG (NVS)	90.94	-.52	+4.0	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	186.72	-1.39	-36.5	
Occid Petl (OXY)	69.31	-1.55	+139.1	
Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	7.23	-.26	-50.5	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	74.40	-1.90	-14.6	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.68	-.17	-52.3	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	53.04	-.87	-10.2	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.68	+.02	-29.4	
Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	18.48	-.58	-34.5	
Prudential FncI (PRU)	106.25	-.02	-1.8	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.54	-.50	+2.7	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	95.12	-1.59	+10.5	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	265.38	+.03	-2.8	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	29.94	-1.87	-71.0	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	63.99	-.57	-21.9	
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	14.11	-1.47	-70.0	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.48	-.07	-52.7	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	9.12	-.20	+95.7	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	118.69	-.99	-37.1	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.89	-.04	-1.7	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.39	+.00	-32.2	
Terex Corp (TEX)	35.39	-.22	-19.5	
Timber Pharmaceutical (TMBR)	.29	+.04	-22.4	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	179.04	+1.21	+14.5	
United Rentals (URI)	298.18	+.72	-10.3	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	496.78	-10.33	-1.1	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	192.66	-1.30	-35.2	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	68.61	-.53	+3.5	
Webster Financial (WBS)	49.09	+.33	-12.1	
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	45.77	-.12	-4.6	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1244.86	-6.47	+22.8	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	66.77	-.37	+35.3	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	53.44	-.37	-31.0	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	18.82	+.29	-16.9	
Yamana Gold Inc (AUY)	5.36	+.19	+27.0	

FROM OUR SISTER PUBLICATION

Teamwork real pride of Yanks

Yanks put Pods to sweep

DAILY NEWS

HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES

Presented to DAVID OSBORNE

LIMITED TIME 20% OFF

Celebrate the history of New York's hometown team with a personalized newspaper book, featuring original Daily News coverage over franchise history.

Shop now at courant.com/yankeeshistory or call (866) 545-3534

Hartford Courant

— STORE —

Offer valid through 6/18/22.

Helen Bennett
Executive Editor
hbennett@courant.com

OPINION

COURANT.COM/OPINION

A hint of good news in Georgia primary



Ross Douthat

This is a column about good news, written in the shadow of the worst news imaginable. Like many people, the mass shooting of children in Uvalde, Texas, is basically the only thing I've read about for days. But as I've marinated in the horror — and, increasingly, in rage at the police response — I've also been aware of the way our media experience works today, how we are constantly cycled from one crisis to another, each one seemingly existential and yet seemingly forgotten when the wheel turns, the headlines change.

Climate change, systemic racism, toxic masculinity, online disinformation, gun violence, police violence, the next Trump coup, the latest COVID-19 variant, the death of democracy, climate change again.

This is the liberal crisis list; the conservative list is different. But for everyone there are relatively few opportunities to take a breath and acknowledge when anything actually gets better.

So my next column will be about the darkness in Texas and the possible policy response. In this one I want to acknowledge that in a different zone of existential agitation, things just meaningfully improved.

In Georgia, the state at the center of the 45th president's attempt to defy the public

will and stay in office, there were two Republican primary races that doubled as referendums on the Trumpian demand that GOP officials follow him into a constitutional crisis — and in both of them his candidate lost badly.

The higher-profile race was the battle for the gubernatorial nomination between Brian Kemp and David Perdue, which Kemp won in an extraordinary rout. But the more important one was the Republican primary for secretary of state, in which Brad Raffensperger, the special target of Donald Trump's strong-arm tactics and then his public ire, defeated Jody Hice, Trump's candidate — and did so without a runoff. Probably some crossover Democratic votes helped push him over 50%, but most of his voters were Republicans who listened to his challenger's constant talk of voter fraud and decided to stick with the guy who stood up to Trump.

The Kemp victory was expected; the easy Raffensperger win less so, and certainly it wasn't expected at this time last year. Back then, if you pointed out that all the Republicans in positions that really mattered in the aftermath of the 2020 election, across multiple states and multiple offices, did their jobs and declined to go along with Trump, the usual response was maybe it happened once but wouldn't happen again, because Trump's enmity was a guaranteed career-ender.

Now that narrative, happily, has been

exploded. Any Republican in a key swing-state office come 2024 can look at Kemp and Raffensperger and know that they have a future in GOP politics if, in the event of a contested election, they simply do their job.

Moreover, the primary balloting in Georgia saw record early voting turnout and no evidence of meaningful impediments to voting, which exploded a different crisis narrative that took hold on the left — and in corporate America and the Biden White House — when the state passed new voting regulations last year.

According to that narrative, in trying to address the paranoia of their own constituents, Republicans were essentially rolling back voting rights, even re-creating Jim Crow — “on steroids,” to quote our president.

There was little good evidence for this narrative at the time, and even less evidence in the turnout rate for the Georgia primary, where early voting numbers were higher even than in 2020. “Jim Crow on steroids” should be stricken from the crisis cycle; it does not exist.

On the other hand the Trumpian peril, the risk of election subversion and constitutional crisis, does still exist. Doug Mastriano's recent primary victory in Pennsylvania proves as much, and there may be other swing-state nominees who, like Mastriano, can't be trusted to imitate Kemp and Raffensperger in the clutch.

But the results in Georgia prove that the faction that elevates figures like Mastriano does not have a simple veto in the party. It shows the effectiveness of what you might call a “stay and govern” strategy of dealing with Trump's hold on the GOP, one with wide application as the party moves toward 2024.

And it indicates the limits of the all-or-nothing thinking that a crisis mentality imposes. I can easily imagine an alternative timeline where Raffensperger resigned his office rather than standing for reelection, inked a deal with MSNBC, turned his subsequent book into a mega-bestseller in the style of so many Trump administration exposés and adopted Biden administration talking points to denounce Georgia election laws.

That timeline would have unquestionably been better for the Raffensperger family's bank account, and it would have prompted many liberals to hail him as a profile in Republican courage.

But for everyone else — Georgians, the GOP, the country — that timeline would have been worse. Whereas because he stayed in the party, ran again and won, even in a dark week for America one region of our common life looks a little better, and one of our crises should feel a little bit less dire.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

Gun problem worsened by GOP's refusal to govern

By John M. Crisp
Tribune News Service

Was there a moment when it dawned on you that the Uvalde massacre of 19 schoolchildren and two teachers is not going to result in any meaningful change in our nation's gun laws?

I suspect that there wasn't. As a nation, we've already accepted the subtext that plays in the background of all mass shootings: These deaths are merely the collateral damage that we incur for maintaining our right to own a firearm.

If the murders of 20 6- and 7-year-olds at Sandy Hook didn't move us to action, why would 19 more deaths of children in Uvalde?

In other words, in the aftermath of the heartbreaking slaughter last week, few expected Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to champion bold new plans to prevent further school shootings.

Still, it was jarring to hear Abbott minimize the death toll in Uvalde by comparing it to the murder rate in Chicago. When you start a sentence with “I hate to say this,” it's probably a signal that you shouldn't. But this is a lesson that Abbott hasn't learned:

“I hate to say this, but there are more people who are shot every weekend in Chicago than there are in schools in Texas.” This is misleading, at best, and it's cold comfort to the families in Uvalde who lost their children.

Abbott was relying on an oblivious rationale for doing nothing about gun laws. Nevertheless, he conceded that there are things that can be done to prevent school shootings.

Abbott said, “Anybody who shoots somebody else has a mental health challenge. Period.” The government, he said, needs to find ways to target this mental health challenge and do something about it.

He pointed out that in a 40-county region around Uvalde, there are no mental health hospitals. He noted a great need for a “physical mental health care facility in this region,” as well as “more personnel, more strategies” to deal with the challenges of mental health.

What else can we do? Abbott referred to 2019 legislation regarding “school hardening,” measures that “should” make it more difficult for shooters to enter schools. Sen. Ted Cruz said that after the Santa Fe,



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott passes in front of a memorial on Sunday outside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. **DARIO LOPEZ-MILLS/AP**

Texas, school shooting in 2018, parents of some of the eight students killed stressed to him the importance of making schools invincible, even if it requires turning them into armed camps defended by security guards and teachers with guns.

In other words, despite their reluctance to pass laws that will keep high-powered, high-capacity weapons out of the hands of school shooters, our state and national leaders regularly tout measures that they say could stem the bloodshed.

Which leaves us with one question: Why haven't they enacted them?

Republicans have been in charge of Texas since 1994, the last year a Democrat won a statewide election. If Abbott knows that a 40-county area surrounding Uvalde

has no mental health care facilities, why aren't Texas Republicans responsible for that failure? And if school “hardening” is the answer, why haven't schools in Texas been hardened?

Robb Elementary School in Uvalde certainly wasn't hardened, and reporting from the Texas Tribune and elsewhere indicates that the district in Uvalde is more typical than exceptional.

If better mental health care facilities and hardened schools are the Republican answers to school shootings, why don't we have them in Texas, where Republicans have been in charge for three decades?

Some Republicans blame the school districts, suggesting limitations on the powers of the Republican Legislature and

governor. But the Republicans in charge have not hesitated to impose their will on all Texas schools with regard to the teaching of critical race theory, gender issues and other matters that should be in the hands of educators.

Republicans claim to support better mental health care and hardened schools, but I suspect that they themselves understand these are disingenuous dodges that deflect attention from the real issue. In any case, Republicans — who have little faith in government — are just not very good at governing, in Texas or elsewhere. And therefore the carnage continues.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

There may be hope yet in Biden's sinking approval rating

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

The bad news for President Joe Biden is that his popularity has fallen, this past week, into dead last place. Of the 13 presidents during the polling era, none has been in worse shape at this point in his first term, almost 500 days into a presidency, than Biden's 40.5% approval rating. That's according to FiveThirtyEight's estimate of his average standing in all the public opinion polls. It's not quite Biden's own low point — he briefly dipped a bit lower in late February — but it's close.

Is there any good news for the president? Sort of. His 40.5% is not a historic low for first-term presidents. Donald Trump, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Lyndon Johnson and Harry Truman all had lower lows. Clinton, Reagan and Truman hit bottom before

being reelected, with the latter two dipping well below 40% closer to their elections than Biden is to his. Indeed, there's no relationship between approval ratings at the 500-day mark and reelection.

The news is worse for Democrats with respect to this November's midterm elections, however. It's not clear when voters make up their minds before heading to the polls for general elections, but political scientists do know that presidential approval ratings are usually strong factors affecting midterm results.

Democrats hope, at this point, that the issue context of the election will be focused on policy areas that tend to help them. And that is possible. But it seems unlikely that even if that happens, it will enough to overcome the president's unpopularity.

It's impossible to be certain about the reasons for Biden's miserable ratings, but I believe that the big factors have been

the pandemic and the economy, with the latter pretty much about inflation. If that's true, then moderating prices and waning COVID-19 surges would be the factors most likely to turn things around.

That is, of course, easier said than done. Especially since what seems to matter are results, not policies, even concerning circumstances over which presidents have little short-term control. The other potential bit of good news for Biden is that what usually matters is the direction of change, not the level. So if gasoline prices trend down over the next several months from the current national average of \$4.60 a gallon to \$4 or so, Biden may well be better off than if prices had been at \$4 the whole time, and may even be better off than if prices at the pump were slowly rising to, say, \$3.75 a gallon. The same should be true of inflation overall.

But the flip side is that the same goes

for economic growth and jobs. If the labor market cools but remains at a historically healthy level, voters may be more likely to punish Biden for a recent falloff than they would be to reward him for the still-low rates of unemployment. Remember that approval ratings tend to drive pundits' (and often politicians') views of the president and everything he does. When a president is unpopular, then pundits ascribe that trouble to practically everything the president is doing. That's a fallacy. If it's true that inflation and the pandemic account for the bulk of Biden's unpopularity, then other things he's doing may actually be helping him, not hurting him. But much of what presidents do, even what they do publicly, just doesn't change the way people think about his success or failure.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

CTshopsHere

Buy. Sell. Save.

To advertise, call 860-525-2525
or placeanad.courant.com



Stuff

Auctions

Est. 1946 . ANTIQUES & ESTATES
BOUGHT OR SOLD ON COMM.
No lot too large or too small
Tel. 860-342-2540
Thomas Barrows & Sons
350 Main Street Portland, CT

Stuff



BLUESTONE! BLUESTONE!!
BLUESTONE!!!
Steps - Sidewalks Patios
We also repair existing steps /
sidewalks / patios
860-633-6612

FIREWOOD 2 cords \$390 includes
delivery, 1 cord, call for pricing 860-
228-2003

NEW JENN AIR DOUBLE WALL OVEN
with 5 year warranty. J1W3830DS.
\$4500 list, \$2000. 860-463-4638



SHEDS BUILT ON SITE
built on site, rough Sawn lum-
ber, well built, full size lumber, shed
base included. Call for pricing: 860-
228-2003 ctshedsbuiltonsite.com



STONE WALLS Walkways, natural
stone. We can break stone into usable
wall stone. Pavers, blue stone, patio,
fire pits.
Call 860-633-6612

TREE WORK Take down, yard expansion,
brush clearing & saw mill service.
Free written estimates & reasonable
rates. 860-228-2003

Wanted To Buy



1. BUY VINTAGE ELECTRONICS
OLD TOYS, MILITARY JEWELRY,
ADVERTISING WATCHES, MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS, CAMERAS,
WATCHES, SIGNS, ART, SPORTS
MEMORABILIA, OLD STUFF,
ANTIQUES, GUITARS, AMPS, TUBE
HI-FI, RECEIVERS, AUDIO EQ,
RADIOS, HAM, CB, SAXOPHONES &
MANY OTHER OLD ITEMS!
CALL 860-707-9350

**ALWAYS BUYING MACHINIST
TOOLBOXES** Tools & tooling, contents
of machine shops, home worksh-
ops & small lathes Call 860-985-5760



ANTIQUES & OLD STUFF WANTED
Buying Bottles, Cocks, Jugs, Toys,
Silver Plated Items, Costume Jewelry,
Pottery, Typewriters, Sewing Machines,
Knives, Fishing, Tools, Lanterns, Glass,
Clocks, Books & More 860-874-8396

AT YOUR SERVICE

At Your Service

**BASEMENT WATERPROOFING,
YARD DRAINAGE** Brilliant
Basement Waterproofing, LLC
HIC 0653192 860-625-5703 www.
brilliantbasementwaterproofing.com

BUG SPRAYING : lawn mowing &
some chainsaw work. All reasonably
priced. Call Rodney 860-202-8902

CALL MARKS AUTO PARTS

in East Granby. For more information
860-653-2551

CLEANING Houses. Insurance &
bonded. Kasia - (860) 268-2301

GUITAR LESSONS!

Guitar Lessons, Online or In-Person!
Call Mark at 860-214-7031.

PLUMBING & HEATING M.A. Arnold.
Serving the Hartford area since
1965. Boiler replacement, water
heater replacement & steam pipe &
repairs. CT P1-202533 S-1302868
860-729-9973

Car Reviews

Saturdays in
MOTORING



BUYING OLD TOYS BEFORE 1990
Tonka, Matchbox, Hotwheels, Trains,
LEGOs, Star Wars, GI Joes, Nintendo,
Action Figures, Slot Cars, Models,
Games, Atari, Western, Dolls, Robots,
Windups, & more. 860-874-8396

Announcements

Lost/Found

IMPOUND - #283 Pitbull Mix Male,
White & Brindle. Call Hartford PD
860-757-4000

Auto & SUV's

CHEVROLET CORVETTE 2004 -
\$17500 Red coupe, low mileage,
in great shape, includes 2 roofs.
Located in North Central CT.
Recently appraised. Call or text
860-573-4413

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 2015 -
\$59000 OBO 4 Door 172k miles
Call: 860-920-1291

Antiques/ Classics



FORD MODEL A 1929 - \$19500 4 dr,
blind back, older restoration, rebuilt
engine, L&B interior, runs & drives
excellent! 860-828-7600

PORSCHE 914 1974 - \$2200 Solid
Rolling Chassis Call No Txt 860-
209-6629

Trucks & Vans

**CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500
2005** - \$3500 Must go asap, Price
negotiable, 860-543-2381

Auto / Truck Wanted

***** \$\$\$ CASH PAID \$\$\$ *****
for any Toyota, other makes. Any
condition. Running or not, crashed
okay. Will take other makes and
models. 203-600-4431

NEWSPAPER SERVICES



CLICK & PAY!

Save Money

Save Time

Pay Online at

courant.com

2 Lines

3 Days

FREE*

To Place An Ad Go Online today
courant.com/advertiser



Buy. Sell. Save.

*Merchandise Ads Restrictions Apply

PUBLIC NOTICES

Hartford

Legal Notice

The following vehicle will be auctioned off at
Farmington Motor Sports Inc.,
146 Brickyard Road, Farmington CT 06032
on Thursday June 16th @ 7 am.

Vin #: WBANV93578CZ61253 '08 BMW

The seller reserves the right to reject any
and all bids.
The vehicle is sold AS IS with no guarantees.
6/1, 6/2 & 6/3/22 7220522

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction
to sell personal property described below
belonging to those individuals listed below at
the location indicated:
643 Farmington Ave.
New Britain, CT 06053
860-357-6161
6/15/2022 at 1:00 PM
Unit 490
Vanessa Rivera
bed/ tv /dresser/ dining table/
The auction will be listed and advertised on
www.storageauctions.com Purchases must
be made with cash only and paid at the
above referenced facility in order to complete
the transaction. Extra Space Storage may
refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase
up until the winning bidder takes possession
of the personal property.
6/1 & 6/8/22 7220892

LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTION TOWN OF SIMSBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board
of Appeals of the Town of Simsbury took the
following action(s) at its regular meeting held
virtually on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at
7:00 p.m. via Zoom:

1. Denied, Application #22-05 of Steve
Feidman, Owner/Applicant; for variances
pursuant to the Simsbury Zoning Regulations
Sections 3.5 and 3.9 for the construction of
two 14' x 6' sheds in the front yard within
the front yard setback of the property located
at 90 Riverside Road (Assessor's Map H11
Block 107 Lot 043) Zone R-15.
2. Approved with conditions, Application #22-
06 of Michael and Tonia Gugliotti, Owner/
Applicant; for variances pursuant to the
Simsbury Zoning Regulations Sections 3.5,
3.9, and 7.4 for the construction of a 24' x
20' attached garage within the front yard
setback for the property located at 12 Spring
Brook Lane (Assessor's Map E14 Block 114
Lot 008) Zone R-40.

A copy of the above is on file in the Office of
the Planning Department, 933 Hopmeadow
Street, Simsbury, Connecticut for public
inspection.

SIMSBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
6/1/22 7206584

Connecticut

Notice is hereby given that Recovery
Connection Centers of America, Inc. plans on
applying for a Certificate of Need in order to
open a Substance Use Treatment Office to
be located at 654 Center Street Manchester,
CT. This office will be prescribing medications
and offering counseling services to our
clients. Any questions can be directed to
Michael 877-557-3155
6/1, 6/2, 6/3/2022 7223491

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **LELANEIA
DUBAY, 131 ELIZABETH ST HARTFORD CT
06105-2211**, Have filed an application plac-
arded **05/12/2022** with the Department of
Consumer Protection for a **CONNECTICUT
CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT** for the sale of
alcoholic liquor on the premises at **30 ARBOR
ST UNIT 107 HARTFORD CT 06106-2238**.
The business will be owned by **HARTFORD
FLAVOR COMPANY**. Entertainment will
consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Live
Bands, Plays/Shows, Comedians, Magicians.
Objections must be filed by: 06-23-2022.

**6/12/2022
HARTFORD FLAVOR COMPANY**
5/25, 6/1/2022 7218278

Connecticut

BIDDING – RENOVATE AS NEW – RE-BID PACKAGE Burns Latino Studies Academy Hartford, CT State Pro

The Construction Manager (PDS Engineering
& Construction, Inc.) will receive elec-
tronic bid proposals on behalf of the State
of Connecticut Department of Administrative
Services (DAS). Due to COVID Compliance
rules, all bids are to be provided electroni-
cally via email by 2:00 pm on Thursday, June
2nd, 2022 for the Bid Packages listed below.

1.) For ELECTRONIC REMOTE BIDDING:
All bidders must include the state remote
bidding mailbox (email their bids) to the
following email addresses at the time of
original bid submission in order to be a valid
bid, in addition to the items noted below.
Note: The Town Finance Department, CM, GC
or Owner's Representative cannot "forward"
bids to this email address after the fact:
a. DAS.SCPublicBids@ct.gov
b. Matt.belcher@pdssec.com
c. toyahammond@cgind.com
2.) For ELECTRONIC REMOTE BIDDING:
All bidders must include the State Project
Number, District Name & Project Name in the
subject line of their email: 064-0312 RNV:
Hartford – Burns Latino Studies Academy.

The Re-Bid Package is as follows:
1. Bid Package #7A/7B Roofing

• For work to be performed with an estimated
value in excess of Five Hundred Thousand
Dollars (\$500,000.00), the Bidder shall be
prequalified in the State of Connecticut
Department of Administrative Services. Each
bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond (AIA
Document A310-2010) or certified check in
an amount which shall be ten percent (10%)
of any bid for work with an estimated value of
at least Fifty Thousand Dollars
(\$50,000.00). If the bidder is an SBE or
M/WBE in the State of Connecticut, it may
provide in lieu of a bid bond, a letter of credit
in an amount equal to ten percent (10%)
of the bid amount if the estimated value is
less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars
(\$100,000.00), and in an amount equal to
twenty-five percent (25%) of the bid amount
if the estimated value is One Hundred
Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or greater.
(The Obligees are The State of Connecticut
Department of Administrative Services and
PDS Engineering & Construction, Inc.).

• Bidders may view the Contract Documents
at PDS Engineering & Construction, Inc.,
107 Old Windsor Road, Bloomfield, CT. The
Contract Documents may be obtained elec-
tronically from the Building Connected
site https://app.buildingconnected.com/
login?retUri=%2F. For instructions, send an
email request to matt.belcher@pdssec.com.
You will be sent an invitation with access
code to download. All Subcontractors should
review the entire set of Contract Documents
to ensure complete understanding of the
requirements and scope of work to be done.

Plans, Specifications, and Instructions
to Bidders (Contract Documents) may be
obtained from The Print House located at 22
Kreiger Lane, Unit
#6, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Interested
Bidders shall contact PDS at (860) 242-
8586 in advance to arrange for pickup of the
Contract Documents.
Names and contacts of Subcontractors will
be kept on a bidder's list.

• Bidders may also view the Contract
Documents at the offices of the Minority
Construction Council, 151 New Park Avenue
– Suite 121, Hartford,
CT 06106, phone: (860) 882-0675.

• Due to COVID Compliance rules, all bids
are to be provided electronically via email
by 2:00 pm on June 2nd, 2022 for the Bid
packages listed.

All bids will be publicly opened via ZOOM web
conference at the office of PDS Engineering
& Construction at approximately 2:30 pm on
June 2nd, 2022. The Virtual Bid Opening will
be viewable at the following ZOOM link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82261659517
?pwd=dkkhdnQ0TUEySjYyOllRbWV4dWtm.1
• All bids shall be held open by bidders for
a period of ninety (90) days. No bidder may
withdraw their bid during that period.

• The project will be awarded to the lowest
responsible bidder in accordance with
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-287 (b); However,
the Department of Administrative Services
and the Construction Manager reserve the
right to reject any and all bids or to waive
any informalities, irregularities, omissions, or
technical defects in the bids.
5/30 & 6/1/22 7218886

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space
Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy
the lien of the owner, personal property de-
scribed below belonging to those individuals
listed below at location indicated:
ExtraSpace Storage, 56 Pameacha Ave,
Middletown, Ct 06457 860-575-7610 June
8, 2022 at 11:00 AM

La'Donna Davis Unit#3164 Furniture
Eve Cavanagh Unit#4009 Household Items
The auction will be listed and advertised
on www.storageauctions.com. Purchases
must be made with cash only and paid at the
above referenced facility in order to complete
the transaction. Extra Space Storage may
refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase
up until the winning bidder takes possession
of the personal property
5/27, 6/1/2022 7220724

Liquor Notices

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **CHIRAG
PATEL, 49 ROSEWOOD LN MALVERN, PA
19355-8620**, Have filed an application plac-
arded **05/25/2022** with the Department of
Consumer Protection for a **HOTEL LIQUOR
(50000 or less population) PERMIT** for the
sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at
**400 CAPITAL BLVD ROCKY HILL CT 06067-
3575**. The business will be owned by ANZ
ROCKY HILL LLC. Entertainment will consist
of: Acoustics (not amplified), Concerts, Disc
Jockeys, Karaoke, Live Bands, Plays/Shows,
Comedians, Magicians Objections must be
filed by: 07-06-2022.

**05/25/2022
CHIRAG PATEL**
5/25, 6/1/2022 7215920

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **CHIRAG
PATEL, 49 ROSEWOOD LN MALVERN, PA
19355-8620**, Have filed an application plac-
arded **05/25/2022** with the Department of
Consumer Protection for a **HOTEL LIQUOR
(50000 or less population) PERMIT** for the
sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises
at **100 E RIVER DR EAST HARTFORD CT
06108-3233**. The business will be owned
by ANZ - HARTFORD LLC. Entertainment
will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified),
Concerts, Disc Jockeys, Live Bands, Plays/
Shows, Comedians, Magicians Objections
must be filed by: 07-06-2022.

**05/25/2022
CHIRAG PATEL**
5/25, 6/1/2022 7216065

2 Lines

3 Days

FREE*

To Place An Ad
Go Online today
courant.com/advertiser



Buy. Sell. Save.

*Merchandise Ads Restrictions Apply

YOUR PERFECT JOB IS WAITING



tribune publishing
recruitment services

Search jobs. Post your resume. Stand out from the crowd.

courant.com/jobs

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

- Avon**
Frederick E. Krompegal
- Bloomfield**
Christopher H. Allen
- Bristol**
Robert M. Krystofolski
Gregory C. Tomcheski
- Burlington**
Robert Howard, Jr.
- Canton**
Frederick E. Krompegal
- East Hartford**
Patricia L. Desario
Annette Luko
Ronald R. Reed
- Enfield**
Theresa E Connor
- Glastonbury**
Neil Kelleher
Alfred Lavoie
- Granby**
Frederic Krah1
Edwin P. Lamphier, III
- Hartford**
Christopher H. Allen
- Manchester**
Sylvia Hadge
Yeria Kasparian
John A. Stroup
- New Britain**
Nieves Bernal Perez
William Pfeiffenberger
- No Additional Town**
Sandra B. Chandler
Sylvia Hadge
Irene M. Harris
Yeria Kasparian
Nieves Bernal Perez
Joyce A. Pudvan
Ronald R. Reed
Donald F. Rizzo
Rosita Serrano
John A. Stroup

- Old Lyme**
Elizabeth Anne Brodeur
- Other Towns in CT**
Elizabeth Anne Brodeur
Annette Luko
Hazel C. Negrelli
William Pfeiffenberger
Gregory C. Tomcheski
- Out of State**
Robert M. Krystofolski
Hazel C. Negrelli
- Plainville**
Rosita Serrano
- Portland**
Joyce A. Pudvan
- Rocky Hill**
Sandra B. Chandler
- Simsbury**
Robert Howard, Jr.
Frederic Krah1
Edwin P. Lamphier, III
- South Windsor**
Patricia L. Desario
- Southington**
Donald F. Rizzo
- Vernon**
Theresa E Connor
- Windsor**
Irene M. Harris
- OUT OF STATE**
Neil Kelleher
Maineville Ohio
Alfred Lavoie
Hazel C. Negrelli

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Brodeur, Elizabeth Anne (Hartung)



Elizabeth Anne (Hartung) Brodeur of Old Lyme and most recently from Old Saybrook was granted eternal rest on May 28th, 2022. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren. She was born in 1932, to William A. Hartung, Sr. and Elizabeth M. Hartung (Curtin) in Hartford, Connecticut.

Affectionately nicknamed "Nancy" by her mother, she began her education at St. Augustine Catholic School in Hartford. After her family relocated to Old Lyme, she continued her education there, graduating from Old Lyme High School in 1950. She went on to study at the former Willimantic State Teachers College (now Eastern Connecticut State University) graduating in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She married the one and only love of her life Donald Southworth Brodeur, Sr in 1954. They met in elementary school, when Don starting courting Nancy at a young age by sharing the vegetables of his family's victory garden. Their deep love and loyal commitment to one another blessed them with a love story that spanned over 80 years.

She was an elementary school teacher in New London, Waterford and Old Lyme, supporting her family early on while Don attended college on the GI Bill. She retired from teaching after the birth of their third child allowing her to focus on their ever-growing family. While raising her ten children she hosted countless family gatherings and there was always an open door to friends from inside and outside of the neighborhood. Her family's roots trace back several generations to Old Colony Beach, Old Lyme, where she continued the legacy of spending summers with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Later in life, after raising her children, she and Don enjoyed hosting their family for long visits at their winter home in Stuart, Florida. Truly her father's daughter, Nancy loved to hunt for "treasures" at flea markets, rummage and tag sales and strolling through summer craft fairs. She also loved decorating for the holidays and had a great sense of humor.

Her Catholic faith was central to her life and the foundation of her marriage and family. She was a dedicated member of Christ the King Church and Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel in Old Lyme. She was a passionate Pro-Life and Birthright advocate, a member of the Ladies Guild Rosary Circle of Prayer and CCD teacher. She was predeceased by her parents, brother William Hartung, Jr., son Timothy and wife Theresa (Sottile) and beloved husband Don. She is survived by her children, Donald Jr. and wife Karen (Agres), Elizabeth and partner Rich Kay, Jonathan and wife Susan (Andrews), Christopher and wife Margaret (Randall), Rosemary and fiancé Michael Cairns, Eric and wife Stacie (Skinner), Stephan, Stephanie and partner Thomas Felicetti, Marc and wife Jennifer (O'Connell) and her brother Roderic Hartung. She will be deeply missed by her twenty-five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to her dedicated caregivers and the nursing team of YNH Home Care Plus Community Healthcare & Hospice Guilford for the excellent and compassionate care she received.

Visitation will be held at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main Street in Centerbrook on Thursday June 2, 2022 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday June 3, 2022, at 11:00am at Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Road in Old Lyme. Burial will follow in the Duck River Cemetery, Old Lyme. To share a memory of Nancy or send a condolence to her family please visit www.rwwfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund at 34 Washington St., Suite 310, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 www.curealz.org or to the Haitian Health Foundation 97 Sherman St, Norwich, CT 06360 www.haitianhealthfoundation.org or to the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation, 187 Williams Street, New London, CT 06320 <https://tbbcf.org>.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Hadge, Sylvia

A memorial service for Sylvia Hadge will be held on Saturday, June 4th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at North United Methodist, 300 Parker St., Manchester. Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. on Friday, June 3rd from 4-7 p.m. To view the full obituary and offer online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Stories live on. Tell theirs.

Share your loved one's story.
placeanad.courant.com/obituaries



In partnership with
Legacy.com



Chandler, Sandra B.



On Sunday May 22, 2022, we lost a truly remarkable woman, Sandra B. Chandler (Kulas) of Rocky Hill. Sandy ended her earthly journey and ascended into heaven to be reunited with her three children. Sandy was the only child of Laudomia Dellapi and Robert Barnard of Hartford. She was raised by her mother and maternal grandfather in Hartford and moved to Rocky Hill in 1963 with her husband Leonard to raise their children. Following the example set by her mother, Sandy became involved in local politics, joining the Democratic Party and becoming an integral party of the Democratic Town Committee for over fifty years. In addition to serving on the Democratic Town Committee, Sandy also served for numerous years on the Town of Rocky Hill's Elderly Housing Board. Sandy was the Office Manager for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers Union in both Rocky Hill and Cromwell. She served in this capacity for thirty-five years, retiring in 2012, having made countless friends and acquaintances in the family known as the "Thin Blue Line." Sandy was predeceased by her mother, Laudomia; her sons, Leonard "Lenny" and Michael and her daughter, Loriann Kulas, as well as a dear friend, Carol deBear. She is survived by a granddaughter, Alyssa; her adopted family, the Degen's (Rich, Teri, Brett and Shannon); her sister in-law, Joan Kulas of Windsor Locks and Joan's children, Pam Esche, Mark, Gary and Wayne Kulas. Sandy had a close circle of friends who will miss her, including Laura (Belle), Mark, Jules and Jack Pawlick, Phil and Phyllis Benoit, Beverly Tolisano, Kathy and Ronnie Berube, Don and Marion Sgroi and Ailyn Colby.

On Saturday, June 4, calling hours will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. James Church, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Sandy's burial will be private at the discretion of the family. Memorial Donations in Sandy's honor may be made to either the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111 or to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial (NLEOMF), 444 E. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. To share a memory of Sandy with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



D'Esopo
Funeral Chapel

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Howard, Jr., Robert "Bob" Lewis



Robert "Bob" Lewis Howard, Jr. passed away on April 10, 2022 at the age of 58 surrounded by his loving family. His courageous battle with Stage 4 melanoma showed his courage in facing life challenges with a smile, and staying strong until the end.

Bob was born on July 22, 1963 in Hartford, CT. Bob and Grace were married on November 16, 1991 in Simsbury and lived there until they moved to Burlington in 2000. Bob was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America. As a youth, Bob attained the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 176 in Simsbury, CT. A passion for scouting was passed to his son Ryan who attained the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 23 in Burlington, CT. He was always active, not only within his troop but district and council events and activities. Bob was also a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow Tschitani Lodge #10. For his service to youth through scouting, he was awarded the Silver Beaver for distinguished service. Bob enjoyed boating with his family at his parent's home in South Yarmouth, MA, loved to play golf and was an avid Minnesota Vikings and Boston Red Sox fan.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 30 years, Grace (nee Mooney); children, Katelyn and Ryan; mother, Barbara Dennett Howard; sister, Susan Howard; brother, Mitchell Howard (Barbara); cousins, Barbara Gay and Dr. James Gay (Patricia) and their son Samuel (Amber); nephews, Matthew Ricker (Lexy) and their son Bryson and Michael Patrick Howard (Maureen) and their son James; niece, Emily Mooney; brother-in-law; John Mooney (Irene); sister-in-law, Kathleen Mooney (Joseph Owens); as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Bob was predeceased by his father Robert L. Howard, Sr.

We wish to thank our family and friends for their love and support. Also, the entire staff at the UCONN Oncology Department, ICU and Intermediate Unit for their remarkable care and compassion.

A Celebration of Bob's life will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main Street, Rt. 4, Unionville, CT.

Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to: UCONN Health Neag Comprehensive Cancer Fund: <https://www.foundation.uconn.edu/give-now/uconn-health> or to Trinity Episcopal Church- Wethersfield, CT: www.trinityepiscopalweth.org. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Krah1, Frederic "Ric"

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, Frederic (Ric) Krah1, loving husband, and devoted father of two, passed away at the age of 71. Ric was the only child of Fredrick and Mary Elizabeth Krah1. He grew up in Simsbury on Firetown Rd and graduated from Simsbury High in 1969. He married his wife, Dee Ann Scarborough and moved to Granby. While in Granby he had a daughter Elizabeth and son Jonathan. Ric and family later moved back to Simsbury and lived out the remainder of his life on Fox Den Rd. He leaves behind his wife Dee Ann of 47 years, his daughter Elizabeth with her twin girls Eleanor and Mairin along with his son Jonathan.

Ric always had a passion for fast cars and drag racing. His love for the sport allowed Ric to touch many people's lives and make long lasting friends. When Ric wasn't at the racetrack, he was on a boat fishing with his children or working on their home. Ric was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. Ric loved life and lived each day to the fullest. Whether he was at the racetrack, fishing, or spending time with those he loved, he brought joy and laughter to everyone around him. Ric left a piece of him with all of us!

Ric left us knowing that he could walk into a room and put a smile on everyone's face, a life well lived indeed! Ric will be missed but never forgotten.

Visitation will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM followed by a Celebration of Ric's wonderful life at The Maple Tree Café, 781 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

Please visit Ric's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES

DeSario, Patricia L.(Williams)



Patricia L. (Williams) DeSario, 84, of South Windsor and formerly of East Hartford, peacefully journeyed home with her caring family by her side on Monday, May 31, 2022 at Harbor Chase in South Windsor. She was the beloved wife of Louis C. DeSario, Sr. for 42 years. Born in Hartford on August 26, 1937, a daughter of the late Walter E. and Blanche (Caisse) Williams, she had been a resident of East Hartford for 50 years prior to moving to South Windsor this past February. Patricia was a graduate of Bulkeley High School in Hartford, class of 1955. Prior to her retirement she was employed for over 23 years by Aetna Insurance Company in Middletown as an Analyst. She was a former communicant of St. Paul's Church in Glastonbury. She enjoyed bowling at Silver Lane Bowling, aerobics, cooking, baking, and entertaining (especially for her family). She was also an avid fan of the UConn men's basketball team and New York Mets. Most of all, she was a proud mother and grandmother who cherished spending time with her entire family. Patricia is survived by a son, Louis C. DeSario, Jr. and his wife, Susan, of South Windsor; two daughters, Denise D. Spencer and her husband, Wayne, of Charlestown, RI, Lucy Herring and her husband, Victor, of Bolton; a brother, Robert Williams and his wife, Lucia, of Newington; a sister, Diana Scalise and her husband, Frank, of North Windham; seven special grandchildren, Louis C. DeSario, III, Amanda L. Fouche and her significant other Marc Graham, Matthew S. Gumkowski, Selena Nicol and her husband John, Ian Gumkowski, Denise Ridel and her husband Richard, Taylor Arnett and her significant other Mike Dederer; ten adored great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and dear friends, especially Richard Julien.

Funeral service will be Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 11 am at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Entombment will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery Mausoleum, Bloomfield. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Thursday morning (June 2nd) from 10 – 11 am. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



D'Esopo
Funeral Chapel

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Krompegal, Frederick E.



Frederick Earle Krompegal (Rick), 65, of Avon, died Monday, May 23, 2022 at Hartford Hospital while surrounded by the love of his family. He was born July 27, 1956 in Hartford, the beloved son of Frederick Paul and Shirley (Carter) Krompegal of Canton. He was a graduate of Canton High School, Class of 1974. Fred was a Construction

Manager, having worked at Aspinet, Pike, Carabetta and Arcadis. Fred was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Avon. He had an extremely generous heart and loved doing things for others. He enjoyed woodworking, spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was an avid NASCAR fan. He also enjoyed spending time in his garden and planting flowers. Fred always had a German Shepherd by his side with his last "buddy" being Mollie.

In addition to his parents, Fred leaves his sisters, Mary Wooten and husband Gary of Miramar Beach, Florida and Sheila Jarka and husband Tim of Canton; his uncle Richard Krompegal of Newington, his nieces, Melissa DeJean and Emily and Katherine Jarka. He also leaves his great nieces Vivian, Genevieve, Aveline and Violet DeJean. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Julianna Krompegal. The family would like to thank all who have supported us all over the past few years as well as the wonderful staff at Hartford Hospital (Bliss 7, 10 and 11), Dr. Eric W. Silverstein DPM and Dr. Timothy Curley DO.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, June 2nd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Turnpike in Canton. A memorial service will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 3rd at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street in Avon. Private burial will be in Village Cemetery in Collinsville. Donations in his memory may be made to either the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation. Please visit Rick's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Kelleher, Neil



Neil Kelleher, 80, of Maineville, Ohio (formerly a 47 year resident of Glastonbury, Connecticut) passed away the afternoon of May 28, 2022 surrounded by the love of his family. Neil was born on June 27, 1941 to Antoinette (Ensign) and Thomas Kelleher in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Neil is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary-Jo (Ouellette)



Kelleher. He leaves a lasting legacy with his children and grandchildren: His son Patrick and his children Kyle (18) and Rylee (16), his son Keven and his wife Jennifer (Schimpf) and their daughters Courtney (25), Erin (23), Mackenzie (20) and Delaney (13), and his daughter Moira and her husband Brian Saldeen and their children Mary (19), Linnie (17), Maggie (14), Tommy (12) and Matilda (10). Neil was predeceased by his older brother Dermot Kelleher and leaves behind a brother, Mark Kelleher and sister, Jane Kelleher as well as many extended family members and friends.

Neil graduated Cum Laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1963 as a University of Chicago Honors Scholar and Distinguished Military Graduate and went on to achieve his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1965.

Neil served as a Captain in US Army Intelligence from 1965-1967 and was the recipient of the US Army Commendation Medal. He went on to have a distinguished career in Investments and Finance with Travelers Insurance Group, Connecticut Bank and Trust, Cigna Insurance and YHB Investment Advisors of West Hartford, CT.

Neil was an active community member throughout his life, serving in local civic organizations, as a youth soccer and baseball coach, a board member of the Connecticut Humane Society, a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and a variety of local investment organizations.

Services will be held on Friday June 3, 2022 with a private burial followed by a Memorial Mass at St. Philip Catholic Church at 944 East U.S. 22, Morrow OH 45152 at 11:30 am. In lieu of -flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Tunnel to Towers in Neil's memory - Tunnel to Towers Foundation 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306 or online: T2T.org

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES

Harris, Irene M.



Irene M. Harris, 96, of Windsor, beloved wife for 47 years of the late John Harris, completed her journey Home on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Irene leaves to celebrate her life, her children, John Harris and his wife Kathryn and Niki Watson and her husband Brian; her grandchildren, Jackie Harris and Brian Watson, Jr.; Philip Davis, who was like a son to her; and other relatives and dear friends. In addition to her husband, John, and her parents, she was predeceased by daughters, Sherrie Harris-Lane and Anita Harris; and brothers, Howard and Irving Scott. Family and friends will meet on Thursday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m., for her Committal Service at Windsor Veterans Cemetery, East St., Windsor. A period of visitation will follow from 2:30-3:30 p.m., with a Celebration of Life at 3:30 p.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Kasparian, Yeria "Ely"

Yeria "Ely" Kasparian, 94, passed away peacefully at home on May 26, 2022, surrounded by family. Ely was born in Biver Gardanne, France on February 18, 1928, to the late Boghos and Markerid (Oskanian) Kasparian. He is survived by the love of his life, Maria Blanche Albert. Visiting hours for Ely will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022, from 9-11AM and will conclude with a funeral home service at 11AM at John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W Center St., Manchester, CT 06040. There will be a private burial in St. James Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Special Olympics Glastonbury (C/O Tina Yenkner, 65 Spellman Point Road, East Hampton, CT 06424). Please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com for more details or to share online condolences.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Lamphier, III, Edwin P.

Edwin P. Lamphier, III., 75, of Simsbury, passed away unexpectedly on January 18, 2022. Ed was born in Hartford CT on January 21, 1947. He went through the Simsbury education system, and after graduation attended Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove Pa. He left the University to return home to care for an aging parent. Ed's love of carpentry led him to be employed at Highbloom Millwork where he was an apprentice cabinet maker. He also served the community as a postal carrier for Weatogue CT and many on his route remember him for his great sense of humor and his wit that he freely shared with all he met. Those who knew Ed were moved by his kindness, generosity, and his industrious spirit. Ed enjoyed doing volunteer work and caring for senior citizens. Ed loved the land, the sea, and the theater. He enjoyed gardening and spending time with friends at Cape Cod. He is predeceased by his loving parents Edwin and Margaret Lamphier of Simsbury CT, and his sister Marcia Lamphier Ponds of Essex CT. He is survived by many friends who considered him as family, and who will miss him tremendously. A graveside service will be held on Friday June 3, 2022 at 1PM at Simsbury Cemetery, 16 Plank Hill Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com. Donations to remember Ed can be made to the ALS Foundation Association of CT, 4 Oxford Rd. Milford CT 06040, or to CT Humane, 701 Russell Road, Newington Ct 06111.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Rizzo, Donald F.



Donald F. Rizzo, 78 of Southington, beloved husband of Rita Rizzo for 31 years passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the MidState Medical Center. He was born April 7, 1944 in New Britain to the late Orlando and Mary (DeMarco) Rizzo. Don worked in the computer business and later in purchasing for several manufacturing companies. He loved his old cars, especially his big white "Big Bird", motorcycles, dancing with Rita. He had a special love for his dog "Buddy" In addition to his wife, he leaves his loving son Donald Rizzo of Southington and his loving daughter Debbie Rizzo of Wallingford; twin brother Ronald Rizzo and wife Terri; a sister, Marion Papallo; stepchildren, Sherri Mayo, Jennifer Szalaty, Mike Mekkelson, along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law David Papallo and special friend Don Scarfo. His funeral service will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery. Calling hours will be prior to the service from 9-11 a.m. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Stroup, John Arthur



Jack Arthur Stroup (86) of Manchester, CT, died at home on, Tuesday May 24th, 2022. Born in Williamsport, PA son of the late William and Mildred (Olmstead) Stroup. Jack spent six years in the National Guard after college and worked for AETNA Life & Casualty for over 35 years. North United Methodist church was not just a church home but a place that Jack dedicated himself to. Volunteering in many roles over the years. But it must also be mentioned that he was a member of the Society of Magicians for over 45 years. This was second only to being a family man and beloved husband. Jack and Cynthia were married almost 59 years. Along with his parents Jack was predeceased in death by his infant daughter Jennifer Lynn and his brother William Stroup. He is survived by his beloved wife Cynthia; daughters Ann St. Laurent and Cristine Clark and her husband Peter; grandchildren Zachery and Jacob St Laurent and Ligeio Clark. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home. To sign the online guestbook or leave a message of condolence please visit www.holmeswatkins.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Connor, Theresa E (Bisi, Hublitz)



Theresa Connor, 74, of Enfield, died peacefully on May 27, 2022, at home, surrounded by family. She was born and raised in Hartford, Ct. and graduated from Hartford High School, she had many jobs during her life, including working at Hartford Jai Alai and finally working for Vernon Manor as a CNA for 19 years, until her retirement, she was predeceased by her parents, Ann Tenny Bisi and Merrill Bisi, her son Robert Hublitz, her sister, Carolyn Cirigliano, her brother Edward Tenny, and his wife Antoinette Tenny. She was a very giving person, and it showed in how she took care of her residents at the nursing home, or in helping with the grandchildren, she loved watching cooking shows, crime dramas, and of course her soap operas. Theresa had the most loving heart and will wholeheartedly be missed. Theresa is survived by her daughter, Kelly H. Ruiz of Enfield, her grandchildren, Kirstyn, Jordan and Gabriel Ruiz, and Daniel Hublitz all from Enfield, her sister Madeleine Prattson of West Hartford, and her brother Alfred Tenney and his wife Frances Tenney of Newington, her ex-husband Martian and his wife Marcia Hublitz, who all became good friends through the years, and many treasured nieces and nephews and wonderful friends she met on her journey through life. her burial will be private, but a celebration of her life is being scheduled, if you would like to attend, please contact her daughter. The family would also like to thank the Vernon Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT. Hospice and Palliative care teams, for all their care and support given during her final days

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Krystofolski, Robert M.



Robert Michael Krystofolski, 67, of Bristol, was reunited with his beloved mother, Rose Krystofolski, his father Henry Krystofolski, Sr. and his brother Henry Krystofolski, Jr. on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Bobby was known best for his caring and generous heart, his love for classic cars (particularly Corvairs), his talent for cooking, his love for tennis and various other sports, and his beloved New York Yankees. Bobby was a devoted son to his late mother and a beloved uncle, cousin, nephew and friend. He is particularly noted for his kindness, caring and attention to detail. He was an active member of the Connecticut CORSA (Corvail Society of America), and a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Bobby spent his career at The Hartford where he made many lifelong friends. Family was extremely important to Bobby and he leaves many relatives behind including special cousins Nancy Reklaitis and Laura Bradigo. He was a beloved uncle to his surviving nieces, Jennifer Ritter of Parrish, Florida and Stacie Worley of St. Paul, Texas, his nephew Anthony Krystofolski of Terryville, CT, and sister-in-law Cheryl Krystofolski of Parrish, Florida. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 8:45 AM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in Saint Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Bristol, CT. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Visitation will be Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 4 to 6 PM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, who has the honor of serving Robert's family. Please visit Robert's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com

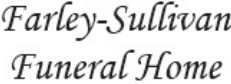


Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Reed, Ronald R.



Ronald Reginald Reed, 97, of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 28, 2022 surrounded by his family. Ronald was born on January 4, 1925 to the late Albert and Annie (Vickery) Reed in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. After high school, Ronald joined the United States Army and served during World War II. Following his service, he went on to receive his Bachelors Degree from the University of Connecticut. He settled down in East Hartford after getting a job at Pratt and Whitney, retiring as a Quality Control Inspector. When he was a young man in Fitchburg, Ronald was an active member of the British-American Club, which he held near to his heart. His true enjoyment however, was bowling. Ronald was an avid bowler who played in leagues in the East Hartford area. Most important to him was his family, he loved them and will be dearly missed. Ronald is survived by his grandchildren, Erin Dannaher and her fiancé Peter Borea and Gabrielle Pierre, his great grandchildren, Hailey, Skylar, Christopher, Cameron, Greyson and Leonardo. His nephews, Kenneth Reed and niece Susan Johnson. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law Linda Borek. Ronald is predeceased by his wife Lucille M. Reed and his brother, Douglas Albert Reed. Friends and family may call on Ronald's family from 5:00 – 8:00PM on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11:00AM in Hillside Cemetery, 162 Roberts Street, East Hartford. For further information. Or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Luko, Annette



Annette E. (Fortin) Luko, 69, of Terryville CT, loving wife of Stephen N. Luko, passed from this life peacefully on Sunday, May 29, 2022, following a long illness. Born in East Hartford in 1953, daughter of the late William and Anna (Gaudette) Fortin, she grew up in East Hartford, and attended local schools there. She was a resident of Terryville for 35 years. Annette worked in the insurance industry for 40 years, working for The Travelers Insurance Company and numerous smaller companies. She recently retired from the Housing Authority Company. Annette enjoyed trips to PA to see her three-year-old granddaughter and vacations with family. She loved cooking, baking and homemaking and always looked forward to visits from her two sons. She also adored her cats and dogs over the years. She was simple person and enjoyed the simple things in life. She will be especially remembered for her kindness and caring nature. Besides her husband Stephen of 43 years, Annette is survived by a son Nicholas and his wife Annelise, and granddaughter Avery of Shrewsbury, PA; a son Stephen and his partner Caroline Frank of Rutherford, NJ; a brother Francis P. Fortin of Bristol, CT; a sister Dorothy Thibault of East Hartford, CT; a niece, Christine Thibault of East Hartford, CT; and an extended family of numerous persons. We are especially appreciative of the caring concern during Annette's illness of a dear neighbor, Gary and Debra Brown of Terryville, CT and a sister-in-law and her husband, Gilberta and James Calegari of Litchfield, NH. Annette was predeceased by her brother Raymond Fortin and a sister Jacqueline Fortin. Annette's family and friends may gather Monday, June 6, 2022, from 9 to 11 AM at the Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main Street, Terryville CT, with a service at 11AM. Burial will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Terryville, CT. www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Lavoie, Alfred "Babe"



Alfred "Babe" Lavoie, age 88, of Rogersville, went home to be with the Lord on May 28, 2022, at his home in Rogersville Tennessee.

Alfred was born on December 22, 1933 to Alfred and Teresa Lavoie. He was married to his loving wife, Arlene Lavoie, for 67 years. Prior to his marriage, at 18 years old, Alfred enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1951, where he was deployed to serve in the Korean War. After his time in Korea, he was honorably discharged in 1954, and he received many honors including; National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. He also served in the Army National Guard for a period of time, and was honorably discharged. He worked as a machinist at C&W manufacturing in Glastonbury CT, where he retired after many years of service. In 2018, Babe moved to Tennessee with his wife to reside with Sandle and her husband. He was an avid animal lover. Babe never met a stranger, and he always had a smile on his face when he would meet someone new. Babe was saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ and his finished work on the cross, and he trusted entirely in Jesus Christ for his salvation. Babe acknowledged and professed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior later on in life, in fact many prayers were answered on Easter Sunday of 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Teresa Lavoie; brothers, Donald Lavoie and Ronald Lavoie; sister, Deana Foucher; sister-in-law, Lorraine Nugent.

He is survived by his loving wife, Arlene Lavoie; his daughters and their husbands, Sandie and Lyle Evans, Renee and K.C. Whitney; brother, Elie Lavoie and wife Kathy of NC; sister, Geraldine and her husband Barry St.Marie of Stafford Springs CT; grandson, Noah Francisco, whom he was very close to and proud of. Noah is stationed at Fort Knox KY. He also leaves behind two granddaughters, Terah and Brenda who reside in Maine and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The family of Babe wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Pastor Rob Dykes and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Kingsport TN for their prayers and support during this trying time. As well as, Caris Hospice and the Veterans Administration for their exceptional care of Babe.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Christian-Sells Funeral Home. Funeral services will be begin at 6:30 pm with Pastor Rob Dykes officiating. Graveside service will be private.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Pudvan, Joyce A.

Joyce A. Pudvan, 82, of Portland passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on May 30, 2022. She was born in the coal mines of Charleston, West Virginia on August 23, 1939. She was the daughter of the late Edna May King. Joyce was the widow of Allen E. Pudvan.

Joyce moved to Jackson, Michigan in her senior year of high school and held a variety of jobs after graduation. On a fateful trip back to West Virginia, her mother introduced her to the man of her dreams, Allen. The courtship blossomed after an accident sent Allen to the hospital and Joyce visited daily. They married six months later on April 9, 1960. Following the marriage they moved to Connecticut settling in Portland 1961. Joyce was the proprietor of the Portland Package Store which she ran for six years. She held a variety of other jobs before becoming a full time mother and homemaker. She enjoyed knitting baby blankets and hats donating them to newborns in hospitals. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking. Following her husband's retirement, they traveled extensively. Of all their travels, they enjoyed cruises the most. On one cruise, they became great friends with another couple and enjoyed several more wonderful cruises with them.

Joyce is survived by her daughter and caregiver Malinda Pudvan of Portland, her beloved puppy Sarah Jane, her brother Jerry King of Brooklyn, MI, her sisters-in-law Georgina King of Jackson MI and Frances Pudvan of Bay City MI and several nieces and nephews.

In addition she was predeceased by her husband Allen Pudvan after 53 years of marriage, by her brother Kenneth, her brother-in-law Francis "Bibs" and sisters-in-law Carroll, Judith and Carol all of MI.

Malinda would like to express sincere appreciation to mom's caregivers from Companions and Homemakers for their devotion and wonderful care of mom for the last ten years. Their daily presence gave mom joy even as her health deteriorated. Funeral services will be held on Friday (June 3rd) at 10 am in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main Street Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday morning from 9 am until the time of the service. Burial will be in the family plot in Center Cemetery, Portland.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Everyone leaves a legacy. Celebrate an extraordinary life by creating an enduring Life Story on Legacy.com with biography, photos, eulogies, letters and cherished mementoes.



For more information, visit the obituary section on courant.com to share memories of loved ones.

OBITUARIES

Allen, Christopher Harold



Christopher Harold Allen, 41, of Hartford CT, beloved husband of Veronica V. Allen passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford CT. Born June 15, 1980 in Hartford, CT son of Vivian W. Allen and Josephine E. (Anderson) Allen of Bloomfield. He was raised in Bloomfield and graduated from Bloomfield High School, Class of 99'. Christopher was currently employed by Lowe's Home Improvement as a Pro Sales Specialist holding an overall 11 year career. Throughout his professional career, Christopher also worked with mentally and physically disabled adults and children as a Counselor of life skills. He had a passion for helping others and pushing them to live their best lives and it was rewarding for him to watch people grow. Aside from helping others, he loved to travel to different Islands and countries and his hobby was to eat the National dish of each country he visited. He had a passion for sports, specifically football whereas an adult he played for many local flag and Semi-Pro football teams. Additionally, he loved to play Poker. Chris was blessed with the gift of gab, he was witty, smart and charming. He was real and uncut and treated everyone the same. He was a gentle giant whose energy, jokes and outlook on life touched many. Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by his three children, Jayla N. Hall, Olivia May Allen, Christina Joy Allen; his grandmother, Wilma O'Connor of Bloomfield; his brother, Patrick W. Allen and his wife, Madassa of Windsor; two nieces, Arianna, and Kaylee Allen of Windsor along with countless family members and friends. His family will receive friends on Friday, June 3, 2022, from 9AM-10 AM followed by funeral services at 10:00 AM at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor CT. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. To leave on-line condolences please visit-www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Negrelli, Hazel C.



Hazel C. Negrelli passed away at her home on the morning of May 28, 2022, after a long illness at the age of 94. Hazel was born in Deep River, Connecticut on July 23, 1927, daughter of Antonio and Evadna (Rutty) Calamari. She was predeceased by her husband Bernard J. Negrelli; her sister and brother-in-law Mary and Bruce Rayner and her brother John L. Calamari.

Hazel is survived by her daughter Beth and her husband Richard of Truro, Massachusetts, as well as many nieces and nephews, including two special little ones, Benjamin and Sophie Peterson of Eastham, Massachusetts, who brought her so much joy.

A special thank you to Julian, Karen and JoAnn who took such wonderful and compassionate care of Hazel over the last six years.

Visitation for Hazel will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., at Robinson, Wright and Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Centerbrook, Connecticut, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., at Saint Joseph's Church, 48 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut.

Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Route 145, Westbrook, Connecticut. Donations in Hazel's memory may be made to Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod Hospice, 255 Independence Drive, Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601.

To share a memory of Hazel or condolence message with her family, please visit www.rwwfh.com. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of
STANLEY ZANIEWSKI



10/9/1929 - 6/1/2017

Forever in our Hearts - Your Loving Family



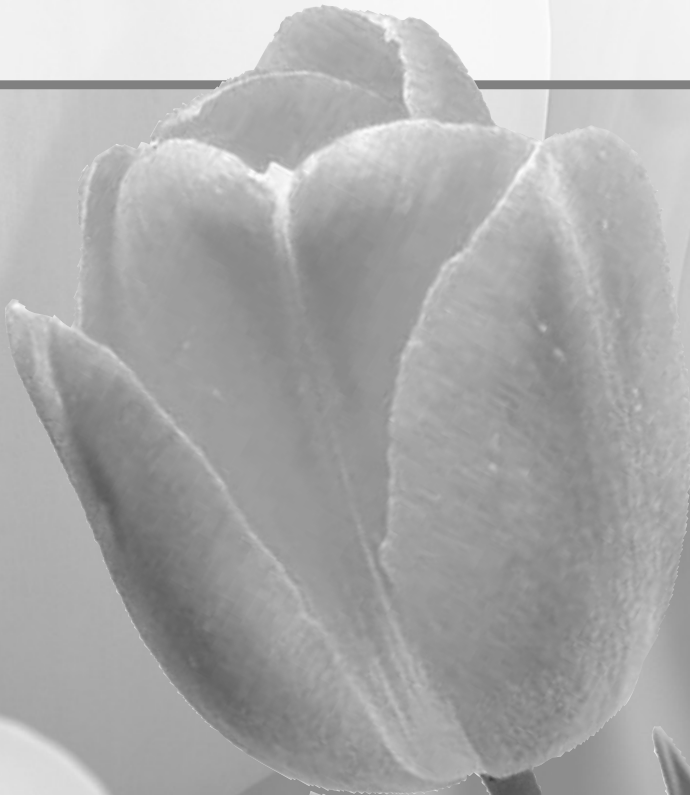
Don't let
the story
go untold.

Share your loved
one's story.

placeanad.courant.com/obituaries

Hartford Courant
media group
In partnership with
Legacy.com®

Share memories,
express condolences,
and celebrate life in
the obituary section
on courant.com.



Ask us for our listing of emblems
and how we can help you personalize
your loved one's obituary.

 AMERICAN LEGION REVISED	 CATHOLIC CROSS	 CELTIC CROSS	 CROATIAN CREST	 STANDARD CROSS	 DENTIST CADUCEUS
 MARINE CORPS	 PHYSICIAN CADUCEUS	 FIRE DEPT. STANDARD	 FIRE DEPT. MALTESE	 GREEK ORTHODOX	 GREEK ORTHODOX SIMPLE
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	 MARINES 2	 LIONS CLUB	 METHODIST CHURCH	 ORTHODOX COMBINED CROSS	 PRAYER HAND
 ORTHODOX RUSSIAN CROSS	 STAR OF DAVID	 FOOTBALL	 POLICE BADGE	 CORE ORGAN DONOR	 SHAMROCK
 MASONIC	 ANGEL	 BALLOONS	 BASEBALL	 BASKETBALL	 BUTTERFLY
 CHECKERED FLAG	 DOVE	 MOTORCYCLE	 ROTARY	 MUSIC NOTE	 HEART BLANK
					 TEDDY BEAR

Hartford Courant
courant.com

Hartford Courant

CONNECTICUT

COURANT.COM/CONNECTICUT

State senator, ex-school board chair on trial

Two political figures facing charges of conspiring to steal public campaign money

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

State Sen. Dennis Bradley Jr. of Bridgeport and former city school board chair Jessica Martinez, who once served as his campaign treasurer, could go on trial in federal court in Bridgeport as early as Wednesday on charges that they conspired to cheat the state's public campaign financing program out of about \$180,000.

Jury selection began Tuesday and will continue Wednesday morning. When the trial opens, the government's case will turn on a party Bradley threw — at which he announced he was running for state Senate — at Dolphin's Cove, a marina and restau-

rant on the city's east side on March 15, 2018.

Bradley says the event was a customer appreciation event for clients of his law firm — at which he happened to reveal he was running for office. But federal prosecutors have said they have a battery of witnesses and evidence that will show Bradley, Martinez and others in the campaign altered campaign contribution records and misled state election regulators so that a pricey campaign kickoff wouldn't block Bradley from obtaining public grants to pay for the rest of the race.



Bradley



Martinez

Bradley and Martinez are both accused of conspiracy and fraud charges in a case where a conviction could untrack his ambition to win the mayor's office. Martinez is charged additionally with lying to the FBI and to the grand jury that handed down an indictment in the case a year ago.

The trial is in Bridgeport. Records on file with the court and with state elections regulators show that, after the Dolphin's Cove event, Bradley qualified for an \$84,140 state campaign grant, which he used to win a Democratic primary in August

2018 in a district that includes parts of Bridgeport and Stratford. His application for another \$95,710 taxpayer financed campaign grant to run in the general election was denied by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which had begun an investigation based on a "Citizen's Complaint" about the Dolphin's Cove event.

Even without the second grant, Bradley bested his Republican opponent, winning 87% of the general election vote. The U.S. Attorney's office is charging Bradley and Martinez in connection with both grants, arguing both were part of the same conspiracy to defraud the state campaign financing

Turn to Trial, Page 2

AVON

Rowing team thrives after losing practice site

Title won after last-minute removal from Batterson Park

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

AVON — The Avon High School crew would be forgiven if, by the day of the Connecticut Public Schools Rowing Championships, they felt like they were snake bitten.

First, a little over a week before the May 22 state championship at Lake Waramaug in New Preston, Avon had to scramble to find alternate sites for the boys and girls teams to practice when Hartford officials barred the team from its home site at Batterson Park.

Then, the morning of the state championships, the truck that hauls the team's trailer loaded with rowing shells broke down.

But rowing is a sport of resilience. Avon ultimately got to the regatta and, while it didn't have the day it had hoped for, the boys varsity four did earn its first-ever state championship.

The first signs of trouble came when a member of the Friends of Batterson Park Facebook page posted a photo May 11 showing an Avon coach monitoring his rowers in a boat powered by a small combustion motor, as most rowing teams do. Hartford Director of Public Works Michael Looney confirmed he received notice informing him that Avon was using a combustion motor on the water at Batterson Park.

Though the park is located between Farmington and New Britain, the city of Hartford is responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

A city ordinance prohibits the use of gas-powered motorized boats on the water at its parks. In 2017, prior to Looney's tenure as public works director, the city granted Avon a one-year exemption to continue to use its motor with the under-

Turn to Rowing, Page 2

New England power grid rule draws discord

Clean energy advocate touts 'modern solutions'

By Jan Ellen Spiegel
CT Mirror

It will be nearly three more years before a contentious rule ends that has made it difficult for renewable energy to get onto the New England grid.

Days before its deadline Friday that fell on the holiday weekend, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved a plan from regional power grid operator ISO-New England to change how it acquires power for the grid in the future.

Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Katie Dykes, her counterparts in other states and even some of the FERC commissioners themselves had preferred an immediate change. The slow transition is already sparking worries that more fossil fuel power generation will get entrenched in the grid before the rule changes.

"FERC's decision fails to end once and for all the reign of this harmful rule," said Melissa Birchard, director for clean energy and grid reform at the regional advocacy group Acadia Center. The rule, she said, "will continue to provide a lifeline to the region's most inefficient fossil fuel generators for at least three more years."

Turn to Grid, Page 2



With the back of the old Amato's toy shop in New Britain demolished, an excavator waits Tuesday to bring down the rest along with the buildings that housed the Dakille photo studio and Liberty Tax Service. DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT

NEW BRITAIN

Wreckers come for Amato's, Dakille

Developer promises second \$20 million, six-story apartment tower will rise in their place by late 2023



The Brit is developer Avner Krohn's planned six-story apartment building in downtown New Britain. On Tuesday, he said a twin building will be completed next door by late 2023. JASKO DEVELOPMENT

By Don Stacom | Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — As contractors build an elevator tower and indoor stairwell for a planned 107-unit apartment complex in downtown New Britain, developer Avner Krohn has another team demolishing the former Amato's toy shop and Dakille photo studio next door as the site for another.

By late next year, Krohn and city leaders expect that twin six-story, fashionable apartment buildings will rise on those properties — the largest development downtown in decades.

At an impromptu ceremony Tuesday morning, Krohn took the controls of a Doosan excavator to take the first shots at the Dakille Building, one of three decaying brick buildings that will be demolished in the next few weeks to make way for the second apartment

Turn to Wreckers, Page 2

10 dead after holiday weekend car crashes

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Four people were killed in a one-car crash in Thompson on Monday, capping a particularly deadly Memorial Day weekend.

The Thompson crash brought the holiday weekend's death toll to 10 people, including four who died in a wrong-way collision on I-95. State police responded to 359 accidents, 35 with reported injuries and one with serious injuries.

"We are extremely concerned and saddened by the tragic fatal crashes that occurred during this holiday weekend," state police spokeswoman Sgt. Dawn Pagan said Tuesday.

"We cannot emphasize enough that as we move into the summer weather that the public take caution — buckle up, slow down, ditch distractions, move over," Pagan said. "Small changes can make the difference between going home safely or a tragedy."

In the state's waterways, a body was recovered from the Connecticut River in Wethersfield on Monday, and crews on Tuesday continued to search for a missing boater in

Candlewood Lake.

The Thompson crash happened about 5 p.m. on Quaddick Town Farm Road. Johan Santana, 18, of Providence, was driving a 2017 Honda Civic southbound when he tried to overtake another vehicle ahead of him, police said. Santana lost control, ran off the right side of the roadway and crashed into a tree, police said.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. Also killed were Jaslin Perez, 21, of Providence, Erika Perez, 21, whose address was not listed, and Lixandra Almonte Terrero, 21, of Providence, police said. Reyniel Alfonso Lopez, 21, of Providence, was reportedly seriously injured.

Four people died Sunday following a wrong-way crash on I-95 southbound in Guilford, state police said. A Chevrolet Colorado was southbound in the left lane between Exit 60 and Exit 59 when it collided with a Nissan Altima traveling the wrong way, police said. The driver of the Chevrolet and two passengers were killed, and the driver of the Nissan also was pronounced dead at the scene, state police said.

In Hampton early Saturday, a 17-year-old

Willimantic resident was killed when the car he was driving left Route 6 and struck several trees, state police said. The accident remains under investigation. State police said a 49-year-old Niantic resident also was killed in a crash about 7:30 p.m. on I-95 in Madison.

Also on Sunday, a 17-year-old male fell from cliffs at Gillette Castle State Park. He was taken to Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford with facial injuries and was listed in stable condition, a state official said Sunday night.

From Friday through Monday, troopers made 37 DUI arrests, issued 615 speeding tickets, 145 seatbelt citations and 451 tickets for hazardous moving violations, including unsafe lane change and following too closely.

The 2022 Memorial Day weekend has proved the deadliest in the past several years. In 2021, police tallied 377 accidents, 56 with injuries and one fatal. In 2020, there were 175 accidents with no fatalities, and in 2019, police investigated 341 accidents, 52 with injuries and one fatal.

Jesse Leavenworth can be reached at jleavenworth@courant.com.

CONNECTICUT

POLICE BRIEFS

TikTok challenge leads to juvenile arrests

WESTPORT — Three juveniles allegedly taking part in a nationwide TikTok challenge involving high-velocity air guns and gel projectiles were arrested over the weekend.

On Saturday, emergency callers from several locations reported a group of young people in a vehicle shooting projectiles at pedestrians. One juvenile victim reported being hit in the eye, Westport police said.

It's called the "Orbeez Challenge" after the maker of the gel beads that teenagers around the nation are firing at people using air-powered guns. Police say the beads can cause welts and bruises.

In Westport, callers gave police a detailed description of the vehicle, and officers stopped the car. The driver and two passengers, all juveniles, were arrested. Officers found airsoft guns capable of firing the gel projectiles at high velocity, police said.

The juveniles were taken into custody and charged with multiple counts of third-degree assault, second-degree reckless endangerment and breach of peace before being released to their parents, police said. Any other victims are urged to contact police at 203-341-6000.

— Jesse Leavenworth

Man with dementia missing since Saturday

MERIDEN — Police are asking for the public's help in finding a man with dementia who has been missing from his Meriden home since Saturday. Julio Pacheco, 69, left home at about 5 p.m. and was last seen wearing a tan hat, gray/blue shirt, camouflage pants and black sneakers. He is 5 feet 4 and weighs 145 pounds. Pacheco, who suffers from high blood pressure, speaks mainly Spanish and does not carry an ID, police said. In the past, he has been found wandering the backroads of Cromwell, police said. Anyone with information should call Meriden police at 203-630-6201.

— Jesse Leavenworth

Arrest in 2021 Vernon shooting

VERNON — A local man has been arrested in connection with a shooting last year in which a man in his 20s was seriously injured.

Shalik Robinson, 21, was charged with carrying a pistol without a permit and carrying a dangerous weapon in connection with the May 11, 2021, incident on Terrace Drive. Four adults and three juveniles had already been charged in the shooting, Vernon police said.

Robinson was held in lieu of a \$75,000 bond. Anyone with information is urged to call police at 860-872-9126.

— Jesse Leavenworth

Man charged in catalytic converter theft

WATERBURY — A New Haven man was arrested over the weekend and charged in the theft of a catalytic converter from a car parked in a supermarket lot, Waterbury police said.

Brian Stasiak, 44, is charged with second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree larceny and second-degree failure to appear in court, police said. Waterbury patrol officers went to the Stop & Shop parking lot at 240 Chase Ave. after receiving a complaint of a "suspicious party who had reportedly gone underneath a vehicle and removed a catalytic converter from a parked, unoccupied vehicle," police said. The officers located and arrested the suspect, identified as Stasiak, police said. The officers also determined that Stasiak had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on a scheduled court date in a prior offense, Waterbury police said.

— Staff report

Trial

from Page 1

program, known as the Citizen Election Program.

The indictment suggests that Bradley and his campaign staff were knowingly breaking campaign finance laws within weeks of the Dolphin's Cove event. In May 2018, he sent what apparently was intended to be an inspiring text message to Martinez and other staffers, promising that "through our continued faithfulness the brightest day will come."

A staffer replied: "Don't worry Dennis if you go to jail you are a lot cuter than (another convicted Bridgeport politician) — u will be ok and I'll make sure ur commissary always has enough so you can make toilet wine and mufungo." [Mufungo is slang for a dish made by prisoners using chips, ramen and rice.]

Federal authorities would not identify the politician whose name was deleted from the indictment.

The indictment refers also to text messages between Bradley and campaign volunteers

Wreckers

from Page 1

tower.

"Things are going to move along quickly here once those buildings come down," Krohn said. "The idea here is to program Columbus Boulevard, Main Street and Bank Street all as one with two separate buildings."

Krohn plans to bring a total of about 220 market-rate apartments to the stretch of Main Street between Bank Street and Columbus Boulevard, and said Tuesday that both projects should be done by late 2023.

Perhaps most importantly for the city, Krohn's plans ultra-modern mid-rise towers with extensive amenities, ground-floor restaurants and dramatic floor-to-ceiling curved, glazed windows at either end, all with a view to making downtown a dynamic urban attraction.

"For the future of New Britain, these two projects total 221 units, add about 11,500 square feet of ground-floor retail — the goal is to reprogram this entire area with density and with individuals who are going to spend their money at the local businesses," Krohn said.

Last year, Krohn's Jasko Development demolished a long-vacant bank at Main and Bank streets, one of the most prominent corners downtown. That's where he plans the first tower, a 107-apartment structure that he has named The Brit.

The lot stood empty for much of the winter as crews rerouted century-old utility lines, but construction has begun in recent weeks.

City officials said the fleet of heavy construction trucks as well as the new elevator shaft and concrete stairwell on The Brit site should be enough to satisfy even skeptics that downtown is on its way back. Mayor

Grid

from Page 1

The rule at the center of this controversy is known as the Minimum Offer Price Rule. It is the backbone of the ISO's once-a-year auction that determines what generating resources will go into its Forward Capacity Market, the future power it plans three years in advance.

In the auction, the low price wins, but it includes a formula that is heavily weighted against state-subsidized renewable energy projects — which, while coming down in price, are still more expensive than classic fossil fuel projects like natural gas power.

Connecticut and other New England states have renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions targets, if not mandates. As a result of the MOPR, ratepayers wind up paying more for power to meet those targets.

Dykes has argued for years for changes to the rules, even threatening to pull Connecticut out of the forward capacity market. In mid-2021, discussions began on ending the MOPR by the beginning of 2023. But at the last minute, the ISO decided to file a plan with FERC that would delay full elimination of the MOPR for two additional years, until 2025.

Dykes and all but one of the other New England states didn't support the change, but they didn't oppose it either. "It's a long way from not opposing to supporting," she said early this year. She also pointed to the ISO's contention that a transi-

tion period would better insure grid reliability.

She reiterated that stance in comments filed with FERC. But some dozen groups, including Acadia Center, filed comments and responses to comments opposing the slow transition.

Birchard now worries that the ISO will seek to delay the transition when the deadline approaches, or worse, try to revive the MOPR.

"The region deserves modern solutions, not delay tactics," she said. "Russia's war against Ukraine and the skyrocketing gas prices New England faces as a result puts in harsh relief the poor results of ISO-NE's over-reliance on fossil gas as a solution to every grid need."

In an emailed statement, ISO spokesman Matt Kakley said: "We're pleased that the Commission saw this proposal for what it is — a reasonable step forward on New England's transition to a decarbonized future. Despite claims to the contrary, this transition will provide a clear path for clean energy resources ready to enter the market over the next two auctions, while affording the region time to tackle other needed market reforms."

But FERC did not quite see it that way. The vote was 4-to-1, with one of two Republican commissioners opposing changing the MOPR. But the three Democratic commissioners were less than enthusiastic.

Chairman Richard Glick wrote, "I believe that the best outcome here would have been for ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE) to immediately implement its new Minimum Offer Price



An excavator takes down the first corner of the Dakille Building on Tuesday in New Britain. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

The Brit is being advertised as catering to young renters looking to engage in an urban lifestyle with "a major emphasis on placemaking."

"Outdoor seating areas will line both Main Street and Bank Street along the front corner of the new building. A more sheltered, parklike courtyard will be nestled against the backside of the structure, enlivened by murals/street art and dramatic lighting," according to Jasko Development's website.

Features for tenants will include bike racks, barbecue grills, a pet spa, a bike storage area and a 700-square-foot fitness center. The sixth floor will include a rooftop deck.

Describing the second building, Krohn said there will be a mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

"There will be a total of 114 apartments. The ground floor will encompass approximately 6,000 square feet of retail space," he said. "On the second floor, there will be a gym right on the corner of Columbus and Main. And there's approximately 1,500 square feet of outdoor amenity space for the tenants."

to being her boss in the 2018 campaign, she said Bradley was her lawyer. She implies in her court filings that she got in trouble by following his advice.

When testifying at the grand jury that indicted her, Martinez denied that political contributions were collected at the Dolphin's Cove event, which she said was an affair put on by Bradley's law firm, BDK Law Group. The following questions and answers took place at the grand jury between federal prosecutors and Martinez in September 2020:

Q. OK. Let's talk about Dolphin's Cove quickly. You're involved.

A. No. Dolphin's Cove had zero to do with me and the campaign. Dolphin's Cove was a BDK event, the law firm's event, thanking the community, in which I knew state Sen. Bradley was going to announce his run for state Senate.

Q. You knew there would be fundraising there though, right?

A. There was no fundraising there. There was no fundraising there. But at any rate, I was not the treasurer yet. The campaign did not begin. That was a BDK event.

Rowing

from Page 1

standing that Avon would obtain a different motor — such as an electric one — that would be in compliance with the ordinance, Looney said.

The situation went unmonitored for five years, which led to a resident notifying the city that Avon was still utilizing a combustion motor on the water at Batterson Park, Looney said.

Despite the difficult timing for Avon, Looney made the call to pull permission for the team to use the park.

"My concern with this was that I need to be in compliance with the ordinance as a city official," Looney said. "I can't allow the activity to continue unless there [was] some other waiver in place. What I ended up telling them was you can't use it now, but maybe this is an issue we need to revisit after the season going forward. Was the timing unfortunate? Yes, but at the time I had a situation where someone was doing something in violation of the ordinance. I had notice; I had to be the bad guy."

The decision led to an outcry on social media with other Friends of Batterson Park members calling for the team's return.

All parties agree the team has been a responsible, friendly steward to Batterson Park. One member of the team constructed a boardwalk to the launch area, while other members frequently clean up and weed the area.

"We're very happy with the Avon crew team," Looney said. "It's been a good relationship. They communicate with us quite a bit with my park staff. We've had nothing but really good relations this entire time, so it's not like anybody is mad at anyone. We have an ordinance that we have to stick to. There are no hard feelings at all."

Still, the 78 members of the crew, which splits roughly 50% boys and girls, took the news hard.

"It was definitely an emotional time for us," Avon senior crew captain Ian Doukas said. "When our head coach let us know we had to stop practice at Batterson Park, it was rough emotionally. [For] some of the guys, especially the older ones, Batterson has been a home to us. ... Having to leave that was very rough. It was difficult, but it brought us all together. We had nothing left but each other to work for. And at least for a majority of guys on the team, that was inspiring."

John Kostal, Avon's coach, declined to comment on the specifics surrounding the team's use of Batterson Park. Efforts to reach Avon school officials were also unsuccessful.

But Kostal said the rowing community stepped up, with the girls able to use Riverfront Community Boathouse in Hartford for the week leading up to the CPSRA, and the boys sharing Winding Trails in Farmington with Lewis S. Mills High.

Not that conditions were ideal that week.

"Our practice times were constrained because we had to go after Lewis Mills had practiced at Winding Trails," Doukas said. "We had a lot less practice time, but we made the most of it. It was rough moving to a new facility and learning all the different ways around the lake. But we made the most of it. ..."

"A phrase that I used that stuck with everybody was 'despite all odds.' We're here. We're still together. We found somewhere else to practice before states. We're going to go to states, and despite all odds we're still going to compete. The feeling that nothing is going to stop us from showing up doing what we can."

Avon seemingly had to just worry about rowing on the morning of May 22, but the truck that towed the trailer broke down at 5:30 a.m. en route to the regatta. The responding Avon police officer happened to be the liaison with the town's department of public works and helped the team secure a second truck to make it to the lake on time, Kostal said.

"Starting at 5 a.m., we weren't sure we were going to be able to race at all," Doukas said. "Some of our boats were struggling. They didn't have the best races."

The boys varsity four — teams race in boats with four or eight rowers — was the last race of the day for the boys, Doukas said. Up to that point, the only team that had reached the medal podium was the boys junior varsity four.

"There was a lot riding on [the final race]," Doukas said. "The emotions were high at the starting line."

Within the first 30 seconds, the boys varsity four took the lead despite entering the race as the fourth seed.

"I could tell there was this electricity in our boat," Doukas said. "We were like, 'Oh my gosh, we're going to be able to make something of this.' ... Nobody was expecting much of it, but we had that energy there."

The team — composed of Doukas, Eric Wilken, Dalton Charbonneau, Dylan Nickel and Colin O'Connor — let out a collective burst of emotion after crossing the finish line.

"There was this euphoric moment of tying up all the loose ends that we'd gone through as a crew and as a whole team and individuals over the past four years to get to this point," Doukas said. "I stuck my arms straight up in the air and we all felt we were on top of the world. ... I turned behind me to give a fist bump to the guy [senior co-captain Wilken] rowing behind me and I could see tears welling up in his eyes."

It was a bit of a storybook ending after a tough week. The girls varsity four team of Lily Kunkel, Bridget Harris, Arya Singh, Nadine Scmitt, Kat Melnik placed second in its race.

"I know for me this is the end of the line for rowing with Avon crew, but I got to experience being a part of the community at Batterson. And getting to have that experience that everyone that got to row at Avon before me has — this is kind of like finding home in an unexpected place," he said. "I want nothing more than for everyone that rows there after me to be able to go to Batterson and have those experiences."

Jan Ellen Spiegel is CT Mirror's regular freelance environment and energy reporter.

CONNECTICUT

Officials foresee union workers in Connecticut offshore wind jobs

By Jennifer McDermott
Associated Press

NEW LONDON — The growing offshore wind industry is often touted as a boon for job creation, but who will do the work?

The U.S. energy secretary and Danish wind developer Orsted say they want American union workers to build offshore wind farms to dot the U.S. coastlines — the building trades workers who could otherwise be left out of a transition to renewable resources.

A majority of onshore wind and solar farms have been built either with non-union workers or without collective bargaining agreements, except for in California where unions are more involved in the industry, according to North America's Building Trades Unions. Orsted signed a project labor agreement this month with the national union representing 3 million people in the building trades to construct the company's U.S. offshore wind farms with an American union workforce.

"Our recent experience in the last two decades with onshore wind and solar has been that the majority of those projects are not built with us," NABTU Secretary-Treasurer Brent Booker said this week. "So this is groundbreaking in setting the standard for an emerging industry here."

The Biden administration wants to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030, generating enough electricity to power more than 10 million homes. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm visited the New London State Pier facility last week to see how Orsted, energy provider Eversource and the state of Connecticut are transforming it into a hub for the offshore wind industry.

At a press conference after, the Democratic governor and Democratic congressmen spoke about creating American jobs — messaging that will surely play into their reelection campaigns.

Gov. Ned Lamont said there are "hundreds of good paying jobs right here" and "we're just getting started."

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal thanked the unions, saying "this is the future of energy in the United States of America right here." U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney said they're maximizing every opportunity for the state to grow in a sustainable way.

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, the only one not up for reelection, echoed the same message, saying offshore wind is the "holy grail of public policy" because it creates jobs, helps the local economy, makes the country more secure and helps save the planet.

Flanked by building trades members, Granholm said the administration is committed to creating "union jobs in America in this clean energy economy." She said she wants predominantly American union workers to build

U.S. offshore wind farms and would like to see project labor agreements in all aspects of the energy transition, drawing cheers from workers at the pier.

"That's what we'd like, all union," she told Associated Press.

Allison Ziogas, Orsted's U.S. labor relations manager, said one of the reasons they sought the agreement with NABTU was to assure workers, particularly in the fossil fuel industry, that they can have good-paying jobs in offshore wind.

"There is not the same level or quality of jobs with the solar industry, so it's kind of created a false narrative that you can have good jobs or a healthy climate but not both," she said. "And we really recognized that if we didn't have everyone on board, we knew how things would wind up. It would wind up in gridlock."

Orsted currently has six projects in five states. The "National Offshore Wind Agreement" covers contractors working on those projects and future ones, with no termination date on the project labor agreement. It sets the terms and conditions for union workers to build offshore wind farms, with targets to ensure a diverse workforce. It contains provisions for training to ensure they can construct the complex infrastructure.

Ziogas said nearly all of the total work hours on each project will be done with union labor, with a team from abroad with experience installing turbines supporting the offshore work. She said Orsted is committed to "creating an American industry," and hopes the agreement sets the bar for it.

Keith Brothers, head of the building trades in Connecticut, said he briefly spoke with Granholm at the pier about the project labor agreement. Brothers said it's about creating opportunities, not only for a longtime tradesman but also for a new apprentice looking for a career in the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry.

"That's what's exciting about it, it's new. We really don't know what it's going to bring or how many jobs. But we know it's a lot," he said. "We know it's new and there's a lot coming."

The first U.S. offshore wind farm began operating off Block Island, Rhode Island, in late 2016. Orsted acquired the developer and now operates that five-turbine wind farm. The first commercial-scale project is off the coast of Massachusetts.

The Biden administration has also approved the construction and operations for South Fork Wind, a joint venture between Orsted and Eversource. Its transmission system will connect to the electric grid on Long Island, New York, making it the state's first offshore wind farm and jumpstarting the offshore wind industry there. The onshore construction started in February.



The stage at TheaterWorks Hartford will host three plays and a musical, all by female playwrights, for its 2022-23 season. A 10th anniversary revision of "Christmas on the Rocks" is also in the works. **THEATERWORKS HARTFORD**

THEATERWORKS' 2022-23 SEASON

‘Fun Home’ finally coming to stage

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

TheaterWorks Hartford's 2022-23 season will finally deliver the musical "Fun Home," and will also offer recent works by acclaimed playwrights Lynn Nottage, Hilary Bettis and Jessica Dickey.

The theater finally gets to stage "Fun Home," delayed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, while the three plays on the subscription series are in the well-established TheaterWorks tradition of recent New York hits or new works.

For the company's producing artistic director Rob Ruggiero, the season shows how TheaterWorks doesn't pull any emotional punches. "Every one of our plays next season were penned by important female voices and will be cast in ways that reflect our world," he says.

He notes that the four main subscription shows is a shorter-than-usual season for the company that customarily has done five or six. Each show's run will be a little shorter as well — a month each rather than the accustomed five weeks. Theaters are still recovering from the uncertainty of the COVID-19 era, he explains. Doing four shows, especially when one of them ("Fun Home") is a grander production than TheaterWorks often does, makes the season more manageable and allows the company to stabilize while audiences are still just starting to return.

‘Fun Home,’ Oct. 8-30

"We're opening the season with 'Fun Home!,' Ruggiero exults. "We've promised it twice. It's a very important story."

The Broadway production of the show in 2015 won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical (by Lisa Kron) and Best Original Score (by Jeanine Tesori). It's based on a memoir written and drawn by cartoonist Alison Bechdel about her father's closeted homosexuality, her own coming out as a lesbian and her childhood adventures growing up in a funeral home.

Ruggiero likens "Fun Home" to another sensitive modern musical, "Next to Normal," which TheaterWorks staged in 2017.

"Doing 'Next to Normal' in our space surprised even us," says Ruggiero, who directed that show and will also helm "Fun Home."

"What excites me is that it represents what our audience responds to in terms of complex relationships and contemporary social issues," he says. "I'm also excited, as a middle-aged gay man, to direct this piece, A lot depends on how the father's journey is crafted."

‘Queen of Basel,’ Feb. 4-March 5

Hilary Bettis' drama "Queen of

Basel" is a contemporary adaptation of August Strindberg's classic drama of adultery and power, "Miss Julie," set in Miami with Latinx characters. The show had its world premiere in Washington, D.C., in 2019. Ruggiero calls it "dangerous and sexual and visceral and provocative."

‘The Rembrandt,’ April 29-May 28

A centuries-spanning drama of art philosophy, passion and beauty, Jessica Dickey's "The Rembrandt" starts when a museum worker makes contact with a famous painting, leading to dialogues that involve Rembrandt himself.

"The Rembrandt" will be directed by Tracy Brigden, whose previous TheaterWorks productions include, "Lifespan of a Fact," "Hand to God" and "Midsummer." Ruggiero says the theater will partner with the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art to augment the art-world themes of "The Rembrandt." He also says he is committed to a "diverse cast" for this "life-affirming" play.

‘Clyde’s,’ July 8-Aug. 6, 2023

This is the newest of several newish plays in the 2022-23 season. Lynn Nottage, who has won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama twice (for "Sweat" and "Ruined"), crafted this comedy about a truck stop sandwich shop that hires the formerly incarcerated. The characters discuss their hopes and dreams and some exceptional sandwich-making skills.

The play's New York run was just six months ago, and TheaterWorks will be among the first regional theaters in the country to stage it. The director has not been announced.

‘Christmas on the Rocks’

While not on the subscription season, TheaterWorks' homegrown holiday show, "Christmas on the Rocks," is returning for its 10th go-round.

Ruggiero is planning to refresh it for this anniversary with one or two new scenes. The show consists of short sketches by established playwrights, showing characters from famous Christmas specials as adults struggling with midlife crises.

There hasn't been a new scene added to "Christmas on the Rocks" in five years, though the show's cast has undergone several changes. "Christmas on the Rocks" will return in November/December, with exact dates yet to be announced.

Ruggiero also promises that TheaterWorks' New Works Festival, with readings of works-in-progress, will return, as will concerts and special theatrical events.

Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnett@courant.com.

The Place 2 Be opening at Basketball Hall of Fame

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The Place 2 Be, the Hartford-based all-day brunch-and-cocktail chain, will celebrate the grand opening on Wednesday of its first out-of-state location, at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

The restaurant, with decor that pokes fun at the Hall of Fame theme, will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Gina Luari, who founded the first location of The Place 2 Be in Hartford in 2016, recently formed The Statement Group as a means of bringing the chain to other states.

Luari said she is scouting locations in Houston and Dallas. She also is looking at the Boston waterfront, but has slowed down her search for a place in Miami.

"Miami prices are out of control," she said.

The Place 2 Be has locations on Franklin Avenue in Hartford, the site that launched the chain, and at Blue Back Square in West Hartford. The downtown Hartford location, in Constitution Plaza, has been closed since it was damaged by fire March 8. It will reopen in mid-June, she said.

Luari said Springfield would have opened sooner if not for the fire in Hartford. "We had already got the contractors, but they had to be pulled from the other projects to work on downtown," she said. She said her soon-to-open location in New Haven will open later than planned because of the fire. It should open at the end of August, she said.

The fire also slowed the build-out on RAW, Luari's seafood restaurant and bar being built at 280 Trumbull St. in Hartford. That development was partially financed with a \$150,000 Hart Lift grant from the city, geared toward revitalizing vacant downtown properties. Luari said she is hoping for a mid-summer opening for RAW.

Luari said the fire was caused by someone smoking near a dumpster adjacent to the eatery.

Two other Hartford projects Luari is working on that were funded by \$150,000 Hart Lift grants — Cantina, a Mexican restaurant at 900 Main St.; and Charred, a pizza place inside the old firehouse at 275 Pearl St. — are in the early stages and have no set opening dates yet.

The 6,000-square-foot Springfield location will be the biggest in the chain so far and will have four bars, an outdoor patio and a function room, which no other location has. Find them at theplace2be.com.

Cookout set to promote mental health awareness

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Kemistry Heals the Neighborhood is a free community cookout on Saturday in Hartford whose goal is to raise awareness of mental health issues.

The event will be at The Sterling Street Sanctuary and Nature Reserve at 75 Sterling St. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will have food, drinks, music, performances, free haircuts, a bounce house and a dance competition. An ice cream truck will be on-site.

Kemaui "Kemistry" Brown, the organizer of the event, said his We Rise Network is presenting the cookout to introduce itself to the community. The organization's motto is "I Rise, You Rise, We Rise Together."

He said the goal is to "talk about community togetherness, more so how we can create an alliance in our culture, to rely on each other and building generational wealth."

Ta-Que barbecue and taco truck opening for season at Millwright’s



A taco plate served by Ta-Que in Simsbury. The food truck will open Thursday at Millwright's Restaurant in Simsbury. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Ta-Que, the taco, barbecue and cocktail food truck that parks in the parking lot of the acclaimed Millwright's Restaurant in Simsbury during summers, opens for the season Thursday, the restaurant announced on Facebook.

The truck will be open this week Thursday to Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. The following week, it will expand its hours to Tuesday to Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. and stay in the parking lot until the weather gets cold.

Last year, the chef in the truck was Alejandro Leiva. This year, it is Millwright's owner Tyler Anderson. "I like working it so much I decided I wanted to do it," he said.

In an interview last season, Anderson said the truck is an homage to his childhood in Orange County, California.

"Some of my fondest dining experiences came from my neighborhood in Santa Ana. My friends' families would set up pop-up taco places in their garages," Anderson said. "There'd be a griddle; their moms would make tortillas; they would smoke meats. I loved the soul of that food."


This year, burritos will be added to the menu, for \$10 to \$12. "Not a lot of people are doing burritos around here," Anderson said. "When I was growing up, my main thing was to go surfing and then get a burrito. That was my main staple. We'll do that, without the surfing part, unfortunately, in Simsbury."

Tacos include smoked brisket, sausage or chicken; Baja fish; mushroom; and pork belly. Rice bowls have chicken, brisket, pork or mushroom. Sides include chips and salsa, rice, beans, nachos, street corn, banana pudding, cole slaw and tomato-and-cucumber salad.

In addition to food, the truck sells wine, beer, margaritas and soft drinks. Diners can take the food to-go or sit at the deck picnic tables at Millwright's, which overlook the Hop Brook mill pond waterfall behind the restaurant.

For more information, visit ta-que.com and millwrightsrestaurant.com.

Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.



PUBLIC NOTICES

OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022 in the 1st floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations for Animal Care Services as a Special Exception Use in the I Industrial zone.

Sect. 9 new definition of animal care services, new Sec. 41.2.9 Animal Care Services as Special Exception Use and 53 Special Standards.

Applicants: Janet & Michael Stoner
Agent: Attorney Terry Lomme

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9235062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcm1s4d2wMGMFTVtZz09>
Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile:
tel: /9294362866,92356062093#

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission

OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION
Robert C. Friedmann, Chairman
5/25 & 6/1/22 7195142

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT of the City of Middletown LEGAL NOTICE

A Budget Referendum for the South Fire District of the City of Middletown will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the firehouse, 445 Randolph Road, Middletown, for the following purposes:

1. To adopt the proposed budget of the South Fire District for fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
2. To establish a tax rate of 5.555 mills for the tax year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Voting will be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 by voting machine at the Firehouse, 445 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT. Voters will be asked to show photo proof of identification.

Absentee ballots are available to qualified registered voters of the South Fire District who are unable to vote due to active service in the military, absence from the town during all hours of voting, illness, religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of voting, or physical disability. Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained from the South Fire District website, www.southfiredistrict.com, or in person at the firehouse M-F between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received in person no later than 4:00 p.m. on 6/13/2022 or by mail no later than 8:00 p.m. on 6/14/2022.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held immediately thereafter at 8:00 p.m.

Deborah Kleckowski, Chairwoman
Board of Fire Commissioners

Dated: 5/26/22
6/1/2022 7222997

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 215 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 to satisfy a Lien on June 14th, 2022 at approximately 1:00 PM at www.storage-treasures.com:
Cube #185: Tyler Gambrell;
Cube #250: Steven Hodor;
Cube #496: Jamie Hobbs
5/31 & 6/1/22 7218702

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Thomas Haeckel, Late of Florida (22-0264)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated May 5, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Marge B. Calltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Stephen Haeckel
c/o EDWARD McDERMOTT CASSELLA, CLOUTIER & CASSELLA, LLC, 29 ELM STREET, OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475
May 31, 2022 7220248

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 1053 Cromwell Ave. Rocky Hill, CT 06067 to satisfy a lien on June 14th, 2022 at approx. 11:30 am at www.storage-treasures.com.

Cube #B069: James Ryan,
Cube #B136: James Ryan,
Cube #B179: James Ryan,
Cube #B189: James Ryan,
Cube #B401: Paul Bradstreet
5/31 & 6/1/22 7218977

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Krystyna Przechorska-Styczen (22-00078)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated May 24, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Wieslaw Styczen, 115 Village Green Drive, New Britain, CT 06053
May 31, 2022 7220236

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Kenneth Fredrick Drake, Late of Clinton (22-0311)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated May 26, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Emily Drake, 7082 S Knolls Way, Centennial, CO 80122
June 1, 2022 7220823


NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEONARD A. ANDERSON, late of East Hampton, AKA LEONARD ANDERSON (22-00137)

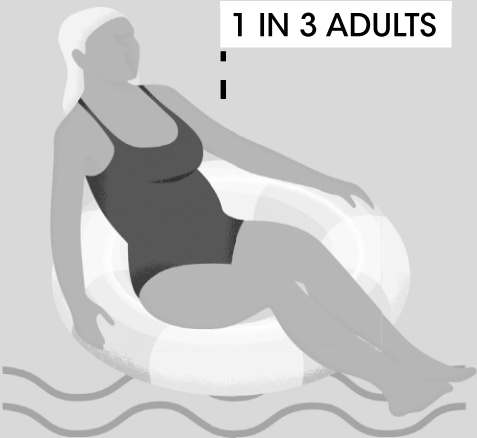
The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated May 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

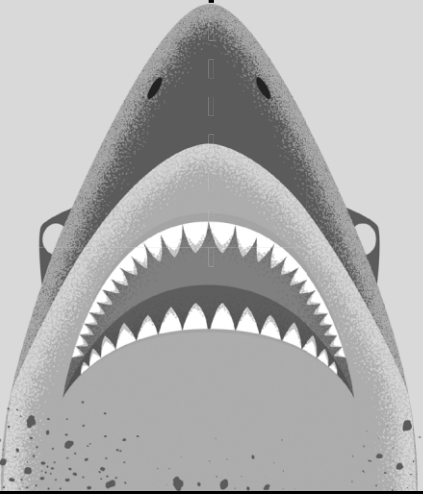
The fiduciary is:
Eric J. Donais
c/o WILLIAM D GRADY, WILLIAM D. GRADY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 8 WEST HIGH STREET, PO BOX 179, EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424
June 1, 2022 7220743



Get Your Foodie On THURSDAYS IN Flavor



RISK OF PREDIABETES: 1 IN 3 ADULTS






RISK OF SHARK ATTACK: 1 IN 11.5 MILLION

LIFE DOESN'T ALWAYS GIVE YOU TIME TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME.

PREDIABETES DOES.

TAKE THE RISK TEST TODAY AT DolHavePrediabetes.org





Property of the Week

SUNDAYS IN CTHOME & Real Estate

Hartford Courant



Students prepare for their final dress rehearsal for “Cats” on May 22 at J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas. ELI DURST/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

‘Exotic and weird’

This adaptation of ‘Cats’ has these high school students singing and dancing

By Emily McCullar
The New York Times

Heather Biddle, the theater director at J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas, wanted to put on a production of “Cats” for so long it became something of a comedy bit.

In August 2020, after months of the pandemic shutdown and facing a year of remote learning, her students made commemorative T-shirts that read “At least we didn’t do ‘Cats.’”

That all changed this month, when Biddle finally got her wish.

She staged one of the country’s first productions of “Cats: Young Actors Edition,” a one-hour version of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s hit 1981 musical, adapted by iTheatrics for Concord Theatricals and released to schools across North America last fall. And as Biddle had expected, her students — many of whom mostly knew the show in the context of its ill-fated 2019 cinematic adaptation — came around to it.

“I text Biddle all the time, ‘I’m no longer a ‘Cats’ hater!’” Ainsley Ross, a senior and the production’s musical director, said during a break from rehearsals on May 10. “Now that I’m working on it, I love it so much.”

At a dress rehearsal inside the school’s auditorium three days before the show opened, the nervous energy was palpable. Dozens of teenagers ran about in scruffy bodysuits that had been hand painted by fellow students and Biddle. Spencer Van Goor, a soph-

omore who played Rum Tum Tugger, purred “Hello, gorgeous” to a teased out wig as he picked it up off the stage and put it on his head. “I’ve wanted to do this show for nine years now,” the 15-year-old said. “I really like the dance and the music; it’s exotic and weird.”

Amelia Pinney, a junior who not only took on the dance-heavy role of Bombalurina but also choreographed the entire show, moved in tandem with Isabella Denissen, a junior who played Demeter. They were as attached at the hip as their two characters would be throughout the show.

“It’s mesmerizing. It’s so different from any other show that’s been done,” Pinney said wistfully.

In the greenroom, students paced excitedly as they waited to get made up as cats. “You look like a sleep paralysis demon,” one actor told another, which got a laugh from the group. The students practiced their dance moves, twirling their hands, spinning their bodies and kicking up pointed toes. They manically discussed their other favorite musicals. They all agreed that Hailey Gibson, a sophomore cast as Grizabella, was going to blow everyone away with her rendition of “Memory.”

When Concord Theatricals, the licensing house that represents the stage rights to the Andrew Lloyd Webber catalog in North America, decided to adapt Lloyd Webber’s work for younger performers and audiences, “Cats” was an obvious first choice.

“It’s an ensemble show,” said Imogen Lloyd Webber, a daughter of Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Concord’s senior



Amelia Pinney, who stars as Bombalurina, also choreographed the show.

vice president for communications. “Everybody’s got a part. Everybody can do a number. You can go mad with the costumes and the sets and the choreography.”

Van Goor, who was one of 32 students to perform in the production (five others contributed technical support), also appreciated that “Cats” is a true ensemble. “Technically everyone gets their own little feature,” he said. Though largely a plotless extravaganza, the musical is set in a junkyard where a group of so-called Jellicle cats have gathered for an annual celebration.

“Cats: Young Actors

Edition,” which is transposed in higher keys that are better suited for younger voices, was made with middle school performers in mind. But Biddle really wanted it for her high schoolers. Most of them have worked with Biddle since they were 12 or 13, participating in her popular all-ages school summer program.

The show was J.J. Pearce’s first production without any pandemic precautions, such as limited seating, masked performers or a masked audience. Three days after the rehearsal, there was still a vibrant energy among the students at their 2 p.m.

show on Friday, which had been arranged not only for the performers’ high school classmates but also for local middle schoolers who were bused over after taking their annual standardized tests. Preteens and teenagers may have a reputation for not paying close attention at school-sponsored events, but the auditorium was silent when the descending riff of the musical’s opening number, “Prologue: Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats,” began.

As the show went on, Biddle’s performers were not the only ones coming around to the idea of “Cats.” The audience seemed just as entranced by the musical, which is equal parts spooky, silly and sentimental. Although some momentary loud shuffling occurred when the period bell rang, dozens of students remained rapt in their seats, cheering along to Van Goor’s provocative performance of “The Rum Tum Tugger” and when Pinney and others did back flips and handsprings onstage.

When the house lights rose after the performance, the students in the audience ran backstage to congratulate their friends.

And the performers? They were basking in the moment, thrilled that they had pulled off the show. They had done “Cats,” and they would do it again that evening and the next day.

When asked if this production was everything she hoped it would be, Biddle replied, “I think people were shocked at how much they loved the show. It was worth the wait, and I love that we converted a whole new group of ‘Cats’ lovers. ‘Cats’ now and forever!”

EX-ETIQUETTE

Be sure to lead with love and compromise in the name of your child

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: My child’s mother and I hooked up at a party our last year of college. We were never officially together, although we tried to be once she found out she was pregnant. We are from different cultures and do not see eye-to-eye about how to raise our son. I am stricter and want my son to follow my traditions,

but his mother does not support them. Our son is now 4, and I have concluded that we absolutely cannot co-parent, yet the courts continue to think we can, and it’s making it very difficult on our son. What’s good ex-etiquette?

A: The courts are not making things difficult on your son; you and his mother are. Granted, co-parenting is difficult. Add different cultures,

different anything, and it definitely makes it harder to work together. But all things equal, why would the courts grant you anything but joint custody? The court can’t determine which is the “correct” culture. The court believes your child deserves both his parents in his life and expects both his parents to put him first.

Sounds like this is something you should have

considered prior to attending a party in college.

Here’s an important question to consider: Do you think your child cares that his parents come from different backgrounds? I can tell you he does not. Your child sees you as Mom and Dad. He knows, even at 4, that he is both of you. You can teach him to respect and celebrate your differences — the very differences that created

him — or you can argue.

But consider how arguing about your differences teaches him to love himself. It doesn’t. His parents are in conflict. Arguing puts him in the middle and asks him to reason which one of you is right and which one is wrong. How can he choose? You can’t even agree.

I know certain cultures do not see compromise as a solution. However, those

cultures are usually very strict in their approach to sexual relations outside of marriage as well. Now that you face this issue, your only alternative is to put your child first. Of course, respect your culture, teach him to respect his culture, but offer that understanding as a source of strength, not as a reason to question his identity. Finally, lead with love and compromise in the name of your child.

CELEBRITIES

Ingram facing ‘Star Wars’ fan attacks

From news services

Like John Boyega and Kelly Marie Tran before her, “Obi-Wan Kenobi” star Moses Ingram is facing attacks from fans who think the fictional “Star Wars” universe should be all white.

Ingram, who plays Reva, a Jedi hunter Inquisitor, in the Disney+ series shared a series of comments and messages from angry fans Tuesday, saying her “days are numbered” and calling her the N-word and a “diversity hire.”

“There are hundreds of those. Hundreds. And I also see those of you out there who put on a cape for me and that really does mean the world to me because, you know, there’s nothing anybody can do about this. There’s nothing anybody can do to stop this hate,” the actor, 29, said in an Instagram story. “... So I really just wanted to come on ... and say thank you to the people who show up for me in the comments and the places I’m not going to put myself. And to the rest of y’all, y’all weird.”

Along with fans, Ingram also got an endorsement from the official Star Wars Twitter account.

“We are proud to welcome Moses Ingram to the Star Wars family and excited for Reva’s story to unfold. If anyone intends to make her feel in any way unwelcome, we have only one thing to say: we resist,” read a Tuesday message. “There are more than 20 million sentient species in the Star Wars galaxy, don’t choose to be a racist.”

Tran, who played Rose Tico in “The Last Jedi,” was run off social media by the nasty comments. Boyega faced similar backlash as the first Black stormtrooper.

Zegler to star in ‘Hunger Games’ prequel: Fresh off her breakthrough role in Steven Spielberg’s “West



Moses Ingram attends a premiere for the first episodes of “Obi-Wan Kenobi” May 26 in California. **JESSE GRANT/GETTY**

Side Story,” Rachel Zegler will star in Lionsgate’s “Hunger Games” prequel.

The studio announced Tuesday that Zegler will play Lucy Gray Baird in “The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes,” an extension of the “Hunger Games” saga that takes place decades before the adventures of Jennifer Lawrence’s Katniss Everdeen.

In 2020, Suzanne Collins, whose books were adapted into the \$3 billion blockbuster franchise, published a prequel novel upon which “The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes” is based. Zegler stars opposite Tom Blyth, who plays an 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow.

Lionsgate is slated to release the film in November 2023.

Rocker Hawkins dies: Ronnie Hawkins, a brash rockabilly star from Arkansas who became a patron of the Canadian music scene after moving north and recruiting a handful of local musicians later known as the Band, has died. His wife Wanda confirmed to The Cana-

dian Press that Hawkins died Sunday after an illness. He was 87.

A howling cover of Bo Diddley’s “Who Do You Love” became one of Hawkins’ signature songs. He had minor hits in the 1950s with “Mary Lou” and “Odessa,” and a handful of top 40 singles, including “Bluebirds in the Mountain” and “Down in the Alley,” later in life.

He received several honorary awards from his adopted country and, in 2013, was named a member of the Order of Canada for “his contributions to the development of the music industry in Canada, as a rock and roll musician, and for his support of charitable causes.”

June 1 birthdays: Singer Pat Boone is 88. Actor Morgan Freeman is 85. Actor Brian Cox is 76. Guitarist Ronnie Wood is 75. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 75. Singer Ronnie Dunn is 69. Actor Lisa Hartman Black is 66. Comedian Mark Curry is 61. Model Heidi Klum is 49. Singer Alanis Morissette is 48. Singer Brandi Carlile is 41. Comedian Amy Schumer is 41.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Overseas decision creating waves at home

Dear Amy: My spouse and I recently went to Egypt and Greece. Three days before we were to return home, we conducted COVID-19 self-tests, because he had some sniffles.

He tested positive. I did not. We were faced with a choice, either I rebook quickly and return home the next day (in case I should also become positive in the following day or so), or I stay and risk getting infected.

Outside of the sniffles, he had no symptoms.

We also have a dog who had already been boarded for 15 days and if we both had to stay in Greece, it would have likely added five to 10 days to him being stuck in a kennel.

We decided that I should return home, which I did.

He only stayed a few more days, and returned home as soon as he tested negative.

Now, I am getting grief: “You deserted me in Greece!”

Should I have stayed?
— *Accused of Desertion*

Dear Accused: This question brings up an important topic that all traveling families should discuss and consider before they leave home: “What should we do if COVID-19 hits one or more of us while we’re away?”

I hope that you and your spouse will go a little easy on yourselves; the fact that you are bringing this topic into other households through your question might help others to arrive at their own workable strategy.

Understanding that self-tests are fallible, you decided to lessen your possible exposure by leav-

ing quickly.

You state: “We decided that I should return home.” If that is true, then your spouse agreed that you should depart the region, rather than both of you being stuck there for an indeterminate period of time.

If he gives you “grief” about this by repeating his claim, you should take him seriously and ask him, “Do you truly feel I deserted you?”

He may have been surprised by his own anxieties surfacing after you had left, and if so — you should encourage him to talk about it.

After talking about this, you should then ask him if he considers the matter settled. If not, talk some more. If he does accept the way this challenging situation was handled by both of you — then ask him to frame this not as a “desertion,” but a “decision.”

Dear Amy: I’m engaged to a wonderful guy — he’s kind, smart and my best friend. We’re planning to get married next spring.

My mother disapproves, and it is breaking my heart.

She says he’s a great man, but she doesn’t approve of our relationship. She always had a certain idea of what kind of man I’d end up with, and he doesn’t fit her mold.

She and I recently had a heart-to-heart talk, and she asked if I was still planning on going through with marrying him. I asked her if she’d be at the wedding. She said that if I’m marrying him, she’s not sure.

Amy, I want my mom to be there more than anything. She’s the only one who raised me, and I

love her. Thankfully, her answer isn’t a direct no, but I’m so worried.

I’m trying to not focus too much on her choice right now, but I’m very worried and upset. How can I prepare myself?
— *Dejected Daughter*

Dear Dejected: Now that you and your mother have discussed this, and she has made her views clear, you should not bring it up again.

You and your guy should continue with your plans and trust her to make up her mind in her own way and time. Respect her, love her and listen to her. But unless she raises legitimate issues regarding your marriage, don’t let her control you. The more you worry about her choice, the tighter her control.

“He doesn’t fit my mold” is not a legitimate reason to oppose a marriage.

She may be struggling to let you go; this is not something you can necessarily help her with.

Dear Amy: The question from “Concerned Mother” worried me. Her daughter abruptly quit her job and moved back home.

You focused on the fact that she isn’t working. It seems obvious to me that this woman is depressed!
— *Concerned*

Dear Concerned: Yes, it is possible that this young-adult is depressed. In my response, I wrote: “Does she need counseling? Help her to find it.”

Copyright 2022 by Amy Dickinson

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Conover series offers funny crash course on government

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

Adam Conover is certain that laughing and thinking at the same time is both possible and downright synergistic.

He tested the approach in “Adam Ruins Everything,” in which he punctured conventional wisdom on matters ranging from charity to jaywalking. He’s back with “The G Word” — that’s “G” for government — a six-episode Netflix series now streaming that’s aptly described as a comedy-documentary hybrid.

Comic and writer Conover digs into how the U.S. government affects our daily life in surprising, reassuring or dismaying ways. Pop quiz: Who gave us the beloved Global Positioning System that renders a sense of direction obsolete? The owner-operator feds! Other topics include the federal government’s role in food safety and weather and disease control, and local government’s potential.

“I believe deeply that comedy is a way to communicate real ideas, not just snark, not just writing funny situations, but communicate ideas way down inside people,” Conover said, citing George Carlin as inspiration.

Conover strived to avoid using “The G Word” as a political bullhorn, although Barack and Michelle Obama’s Higher Ground Productions is among its makers. The former president trades punchlines with Conover in an opening skit that addresses the connection. “I felt it was an essential part of the show,” Conover said, and reflects the independence he sought before signing on as the series’ co-creator, writer and host.

This interview with



A scene from “The G Word with Adam Conover.” **NETFLIX**

Conover has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: “The G Word” is based on “The Fifth Risk” by author Michael Lewis. How similar is the series to his 2018 nonfiction book?

A: Michael Lewis goes where the story takes him, and he ends up amazing himself at the incredible power and responsibilities of the U.S. government. It employs 1 out of every 16 Americans and very few have any concept of what it does. I’d read the book and loved it. But there’s actually only one story that we used directly from it, and that’s the story of the National Weather Service and weather companies’ attempt to undermine it. The rest of (the series) came from our own elaboration on the perspective and subject matter from the book.

Q: There are die-hard skeptics when it comes to the government and other institutions. How do you try to reach those people beyond being funny?

A: I put myself in the position of, “What if I was watching, what would I think?” I mean, an entire show about the government, is this going to be some piece of propaganda that says the government is great? No, it’s not. But we’re going to take a clear-

eyed look at all the good and bad ways the government affects our lives, and then I challenge the audience. I say, “Isn’t it weird that we have this national screaming match every single election season, yet most of us don’t know what the government actually does?” Don’t you want to know?” Most people will go, “Yeah, I do.” Then they’ll come into the tent, and then I have a chance.

Q: What inspired you to blend humor and the documentary format?

A: Jon Stewart on “The Daily Show” was the guy I watched every single night. A part of it was because he pioneered a new way of doing comedy, that comedy could be about real things in the real world and could actually move the cultural needle on those issues, could make people think differently. ... A big part of my approach has been what can I take from that reality-based comedy and open it up about the rest of human knowledge. ... The original piece, that I feel I invented myself, is the idea of doing it in a documentary format where we use all the tools of visual storytelling. I grew up watching shows like “Bill Nye the Science Guy” and Carl Sagan’s “Cosmos.” Where did all those shows go?

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): It’s easy to let your feelings get the better of you today. That’s never a good thing, but now you need to be extra careful that you don’t direct your anger at any undeserving souls. They won’t forget mistreatment, and you’ll have to make up for it down the line.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Words can be weapons, but you might not realize just how dangerous they are until it’s too late. Watch out for potentially saying things that you didn’t even know you felt. Think carefully before you speak in order to avoid accidentally saying something that shocks everyone.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): There’s a tug of war between responsibilities and pleasure right now, and you need to pick a side. You’re focused on making today productive. Unfortunately, you’ll be too busy to enjoy anyone else’s company, but that doesn’t mean they’ll stop trying to get your attention.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The demands on your time and energy might be a bit more than you’re willing to give today, which can make you feel more sensitive than normal. A supervisor might demand more effort than you’ve currently got at your disposal, so conserve your energy as much as possible.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 1, 1533, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII, was crowned as Queen Consort of England.

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Keeping tabs on yourself might seem more difficult than usual, like you’ve spread yourself too thin. The real world could require you to put your best foot forward even when you hardly have your feet on the ground. Tread carefully so you don’t wind up walking out on an unstable ledge.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tension could cast a shadow over any current fun plans you have with your friends. You may feel forced to deal with hot-button issues when you’d rather engage in nothing but lighthearted pleasures. Unfortunately, you probably can’t sweep this under the rug.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can aim as high as you like today, but someone else might not like that. You’re primed to prove yourself, but a rough square could bring a particular naysayer out of the woodwork. Don’t let anyone’s negative behavior get to you. If you need to put up a wall, then so be it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’re in no mood to acknowledge any limitations on yourself. Even so, the unfortunate truth is that there are still limitations that you’ll have to accept and deal with today. Plenty of things will require your attention here and now, so your adventures may need to wait.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1812, President James Madison declared war against a hostile Britain.

In 1916, Louis Brandeis took his seat as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the first Jewish American to serve on the nation’s highest bench.

In 1957, Don Bowden, a

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There’s a strange mix of energies today, and it could have you ping-pong back and forth between the spotlight and the shadows at a moment’s notice. You’re probably prone to keeping your cards close to your chest, but the urge to act out could strike. You don’t have to choose one approach or the other.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It’s undeniable that your emotions can burn bright today, but whether they’re putting off a pleasant heat or a raging fire is another matter entirely. With that in mind, it’ll be easy to react strongly to someone. Take space for yourself or else you could blow a fuse.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can accomplish as much as you like today, that is, until something throws you off course. You’re in the mood to perform at top capacity, but that urge gets upended, adding countless things to your schedule. Expect distractions to force you to take a detour.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today might be all fun and games until you wind up regretting a happy-go-lucky attitude. You’re in the mood to enjoy yourself, but that could be thrown off. Remember that indulgences come at a price. Check off important tasks early so that your responsibilities don’t get in the way.

student at the University of California at Berkeley, became the first American to break the four-minute mile, in a time of 3:58.7.

In 1980, Cable News Network made its debut.

In 2020, a medical examiner classified George Floyd’s death as a homicide, saying his heart stopped as police compressed his neck.

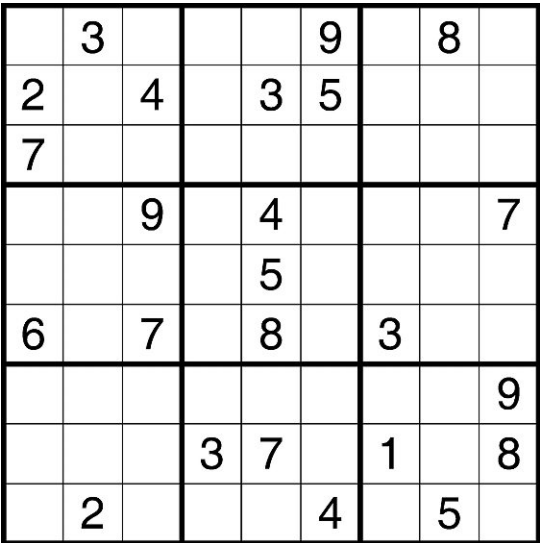
BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at [PlayJumble.com](https://www.playjumble.com)



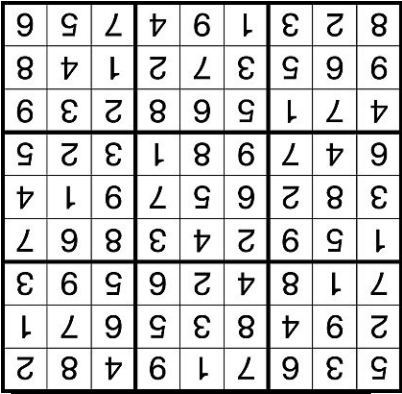
Scan QR code to play online.

SUDOKU



Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



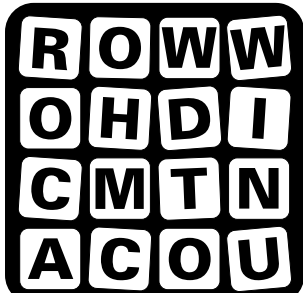
© 2017 The Mepharm Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

9/13/17

BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



BOGGLE is a trademark of Hasbro, Inc. © 2001 Hasbro, Inc. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All Rights Reserved www.bogglebrainbusters.com

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

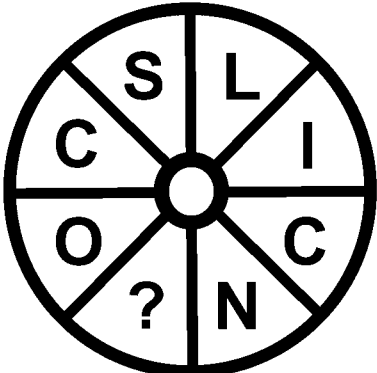
- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FOUR THINGS THAT CAN BE OPENED in the grid of letters.

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

©2021 Knight Features. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. 3/13

WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: INSTRUMENTS

004

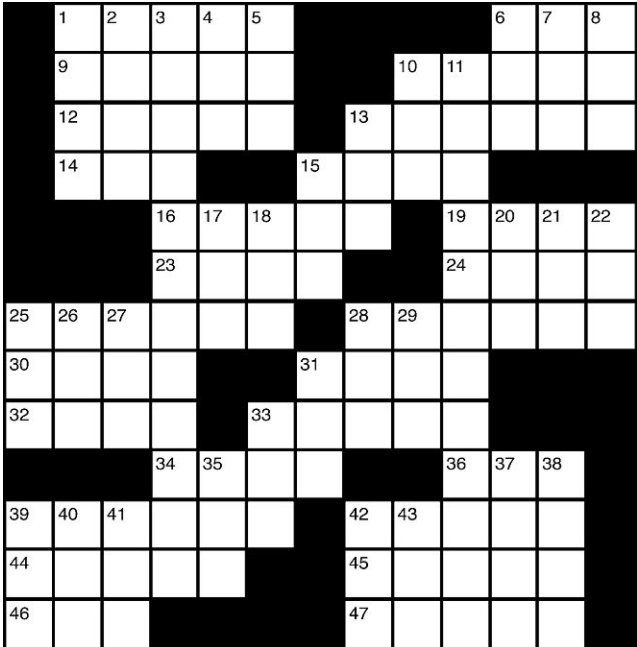
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



- | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| ACCORDION | DRUM | LUTE | SHAWM |
| BAGPIPES | FIDDLE | LYRE | SITAR |
| BALALAIKA | FIFE | MANDOLIN | TRIANGLE |
| BANJO | FLUTE | MARIMBA | TROMBONE |
| BASSOON | GLOCKENSPIEL | OBOE | TRUMPET |
| BONGO | GUITAR | OCARINA | TUBA |
| BUGLE | HARMONICA | ORGAN | UKULELE |
| CELLO | HARP | PIANO | VIOLA |
| CLARINET | HURDY | PICCOLO | VIOLIN |
| CORNET | GURDY | RECORDER | XYLOPHONE |
| CYMBAL | KEYBOARD | SAXOPHONE | ZITHER |

TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

6/10/18

ACROSS

- Farrell and Wallace
- Series for George Eads
- 99; Barbara Feldon's "Get Smart" role
- Baio or Caan
- "Everybody ___ Raymond"
- Actor Nick and his family
- Prefix for cycle or angle
- Actress Delany
- "The ___"; Fran Drescher series
- Folk singer and actor Burl Ives
- Region
- "___ Window"; James Stewart film
- "A ___ Man"; Patrick Wilson series
- Sitcom for Ted Danson
- "Don't have ___, man!" Bart Simpson's line
- Harmon ___, role on "JAG"
- "Que Sera, ___"
- "The ___ Purple"; movie for Oprah
- "U ___"; Sean Penn/Jennifer Lopez film
- "Fresh ___ the Boat"
- One of the Seven Dwarfs
- ___ Mandel

DOWN

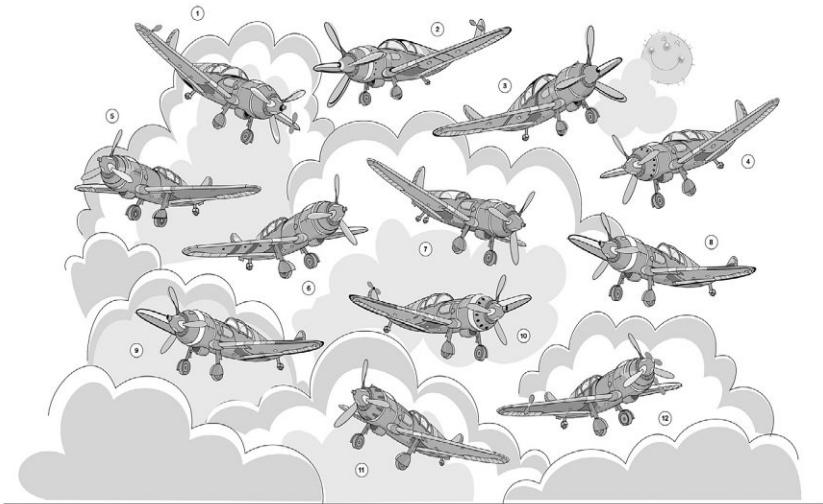
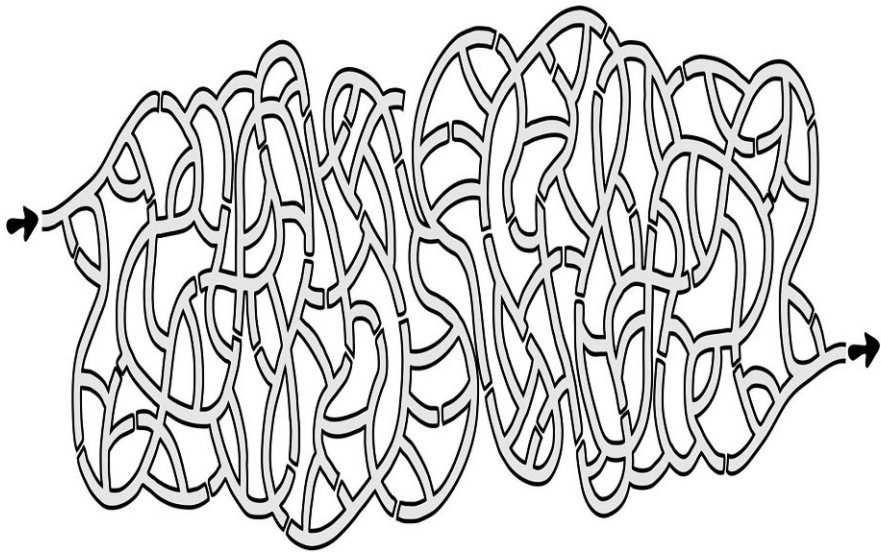
- Sweet creamy drink
- Pianist Stravinsky
- Role on "Chicago P.D."
- 180 degrees from WSW
- Wall and Easy: abbr.
- Portable bed
- Sault ___, Marie
- "___ Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
- "Sanford and ___"
- Role on "The Good Doctor"
- Anti's vote
- FBI crime lab evidence
- "Who Do You Think You ___?"
- "___ and Stacey"
- 1960s pop singer Bobby Darin
- Hearing organ
- Yrbk. section
- Helium or hydrogen
- "___ Age: Continental Drift"; animated film sequel
- "Grounded ___ Life"
- Coolidge or Ripken
- "The Sopranos" network
- Howard or Ely
- "Boys Don't ___"; Hilary Swank movie
- "___ Lazy River"; Hoagy Carmichael song
- ___ of rage; temper tantrums
- Suffix for song or gab
- Univ. in Dallas
- "NCIS: ___ Angeles"
- Start of the "Old MacDonald" refrain
- "Hee ___"
- French affirmative



6/17/18

All Rights Reserved.

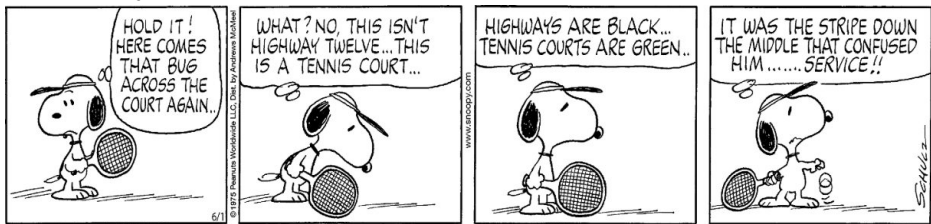
KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES



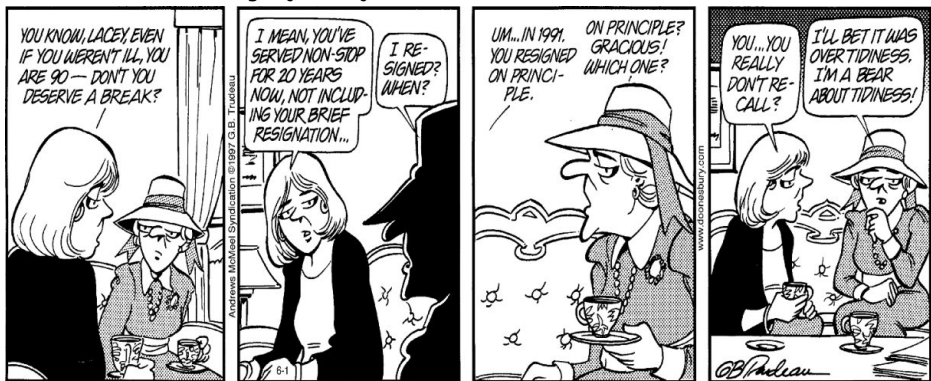
Can you find two identical planes?

© 2018 Jumble

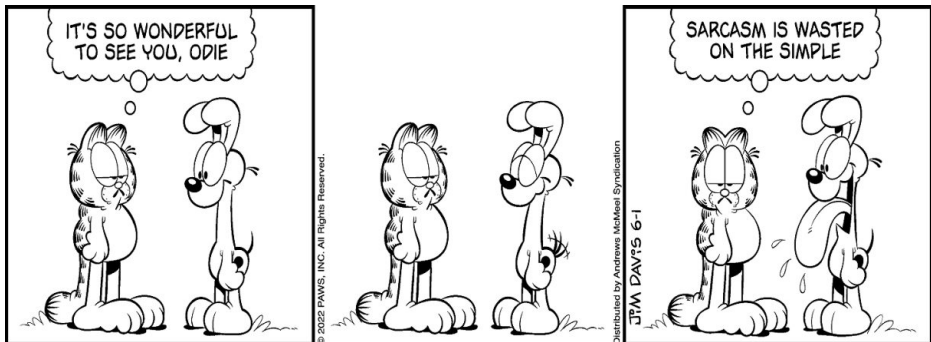
Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



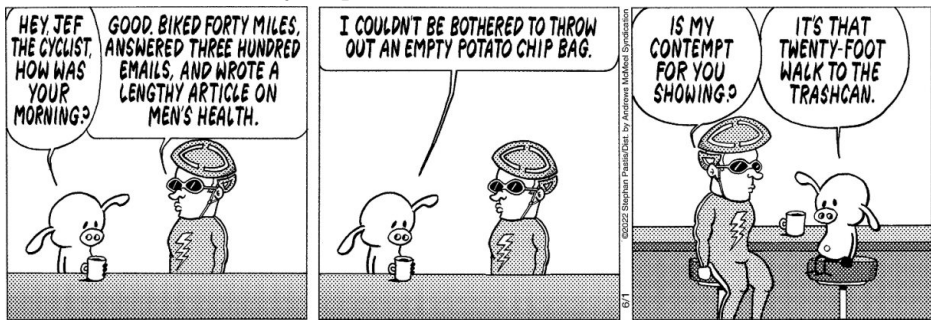
Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



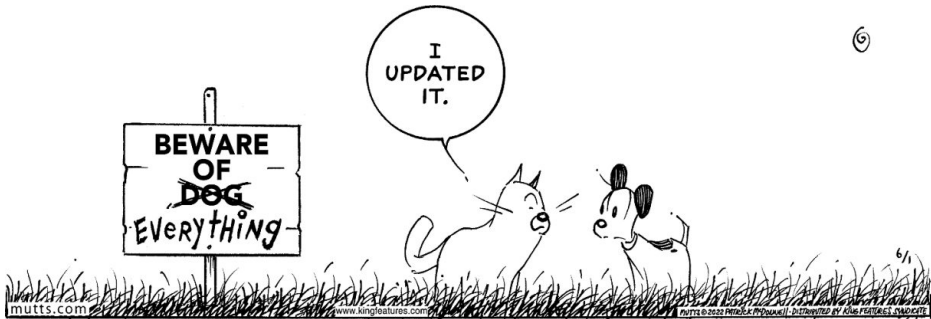
Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



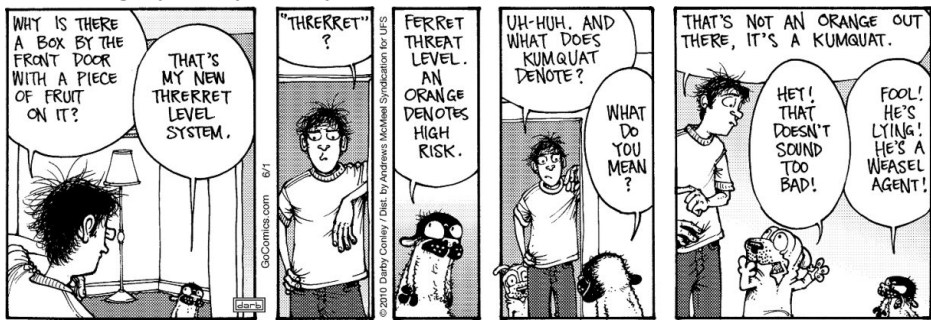
Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt



Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley



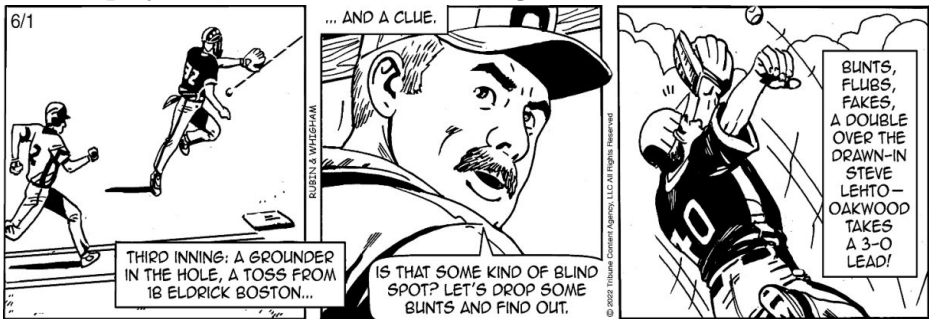
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



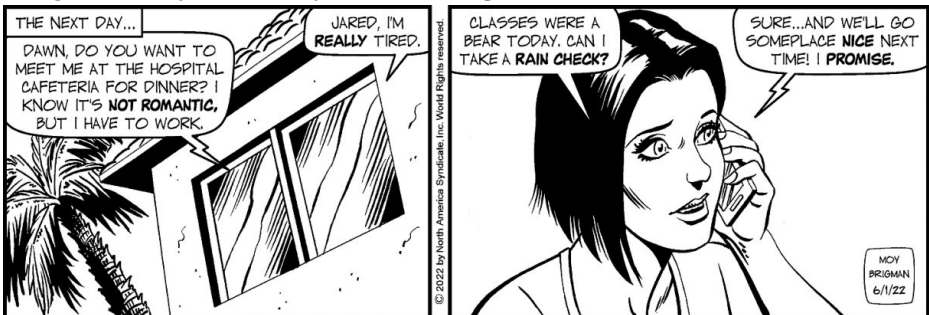
Dilbert By Scott Adams



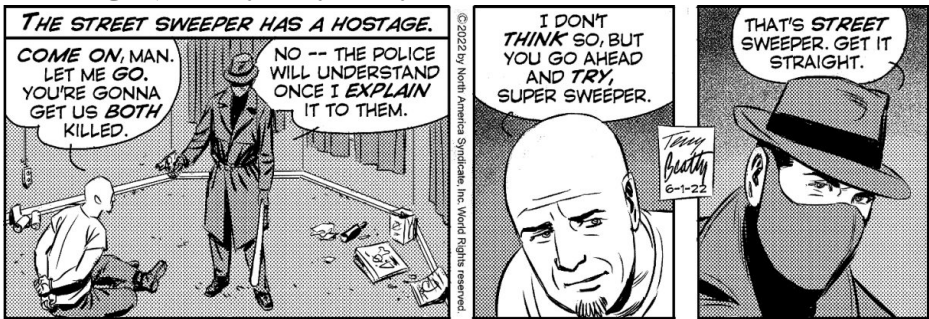
Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin



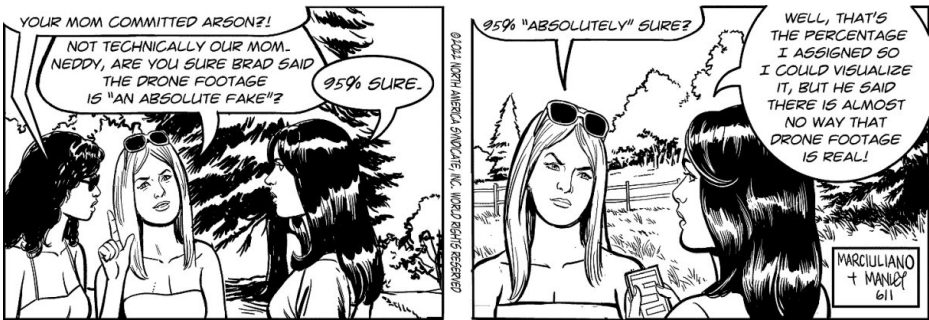
Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



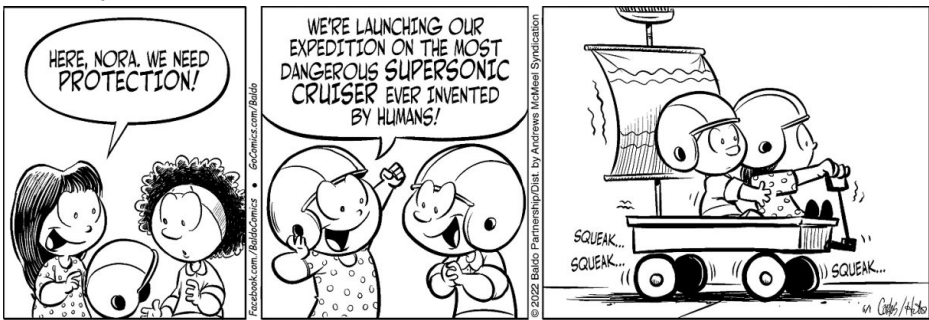
Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



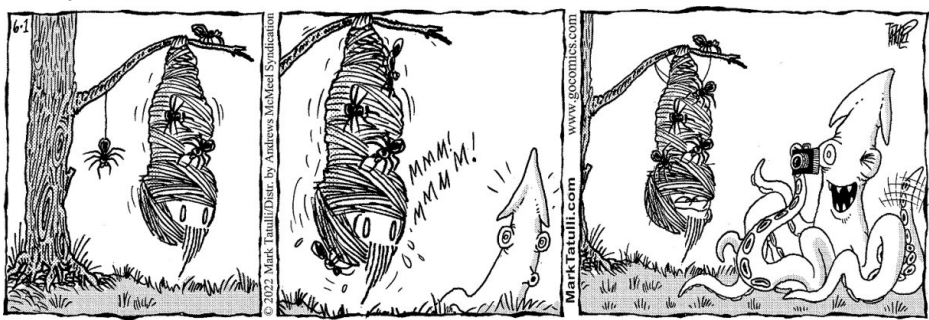
Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos



Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk



Lio By Mark Tatulli



Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker



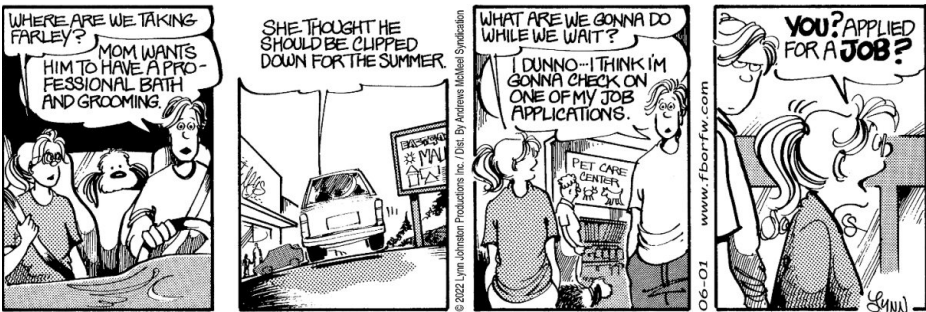
Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price



Monty By Jim Meddick



For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston



B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



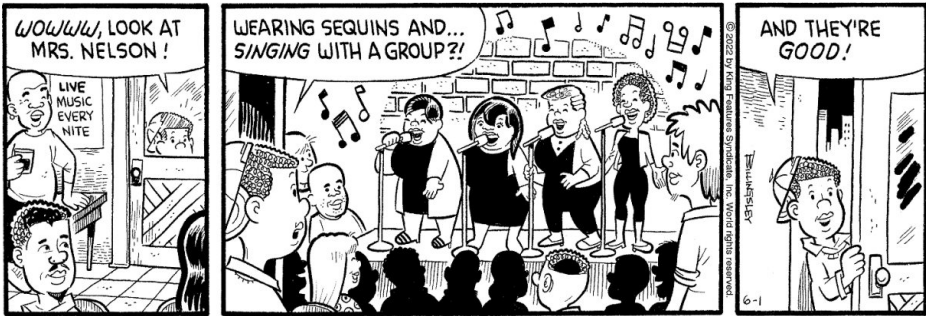
Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley



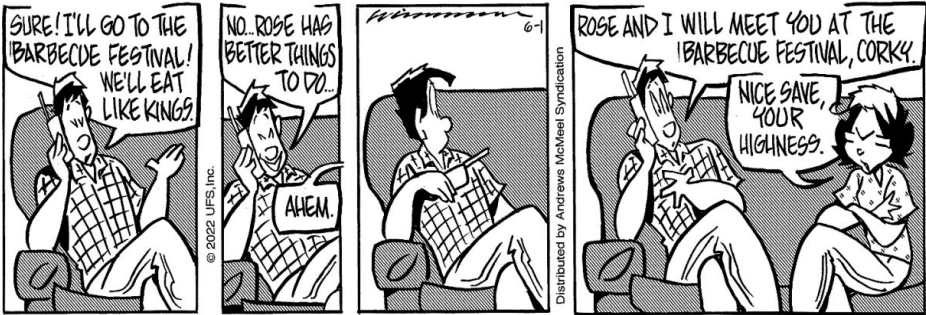
Pickles By Brian Crane



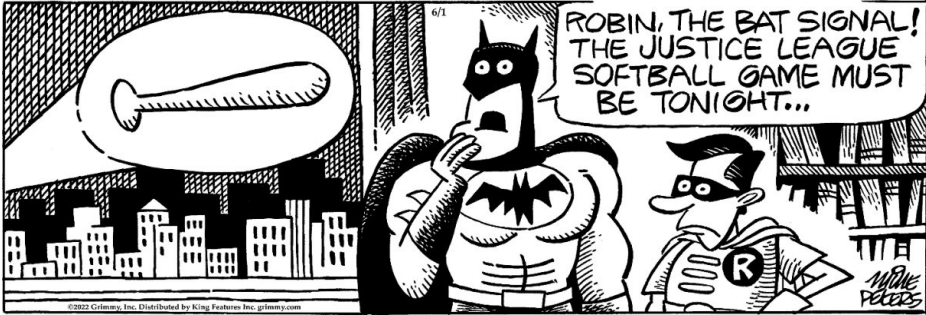
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



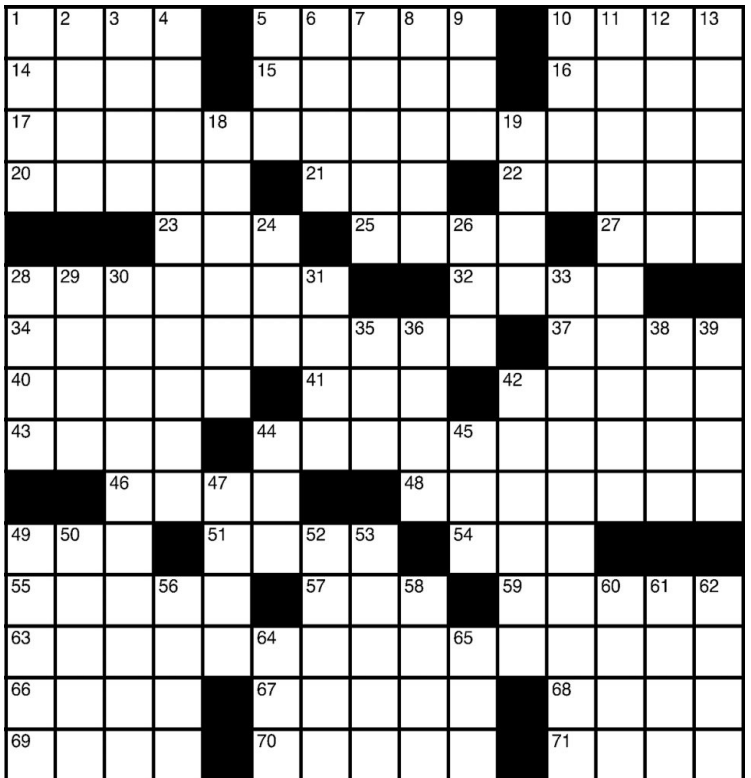
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

- Across**
- 1 Get all mushy
 - 5 Promising location
 - 10 Jewelry designer Peretti
 - 14 "Then again," in tweets
 - 15 "How nifty!"
 - 16 Just the best
 - 17 Group for cardboard toy enthusiasts?
 - 20 "My Brilliant Friend" novelist Ferrante
 - 21 "Breathe Me" singer
 - 22 Back in style
 - 23 Gasteyer of "Wine Country"
 - 25 eBay sale condition
 - 27 Capital of Japan
 - 28 Imminent
 - 32 Filing tool
 - 34 Group for Rumba enthusiasts?
 - 37 Livens (up)
 - 40 Forestall
 - 41 UFO crew, probably
 - 42 Gem weight
 - 43 "Little Girl Blue" singer Simone
 - 44 Group for big-rig enthusiasts?
 - 46 Misfortunes
 - 48 Quaint school dance
 - 49 Defense advisory gp.
 - 51 Road-trip stops
 - 54 Obi—Kenobi
 - 55 Inbox filler
 - 57 Fútbol fan's cry
 - 59 — & Gabbana fashion house
- Down**
- 1 Sulk
 - 2 "And so forth" abbr.
 - 3 Easy stride
 - 4 Baseball film featuring a bat named "Wonderboy"
 - 5 "Your point is?"
 - 6 Signs of summer
 - 63 Group for Merriam-Webster enthusiasts?
 - 66 Yoga pose that requires balancing on one foot
 - 67 San Diego's — Park
 - 68 Part of an EGOT
 - 69 Wet septet
 - 70 Pallid
 - 71 Noodle that may be served in dashi broth
 - 7 "Rocky" actress Shire
 - 8 Book of maps
 - 9 Milne joey
 - 10 Noodle ending?
 - 11 High vantage point
 - 12 Skyline standout
 - 13 — Martin: "Skyfall" car
 - 18 Went on a quick errand
 - 19 Major in astronomy?
 - 24 Blazer sleeve
 - 26 Needle
 - 28 Director Reitman
 - 29 Blue-skinned race in "Avatar"
 - 30 Picture-perfect spot
 - 31 Fencing category
 - 33 Online source of study guides
 - 35 PIN point?
 - 36 Several CBS forensic dramas
 - 38 — Alto, California
 - 39 Recipe part
 - 42 Insect with a 17-year life cycle
 - 44 Nine-digit ID
 - 45 Bearer of good moos?
 - 47 Country singer McCann
 - 49 Pond critters
 - 50 Goopy treat
 - 52 Snouts
 - 53 Slow-moving creature
 - 56 — of March
 - 58 Latin "Behold!"
 - 60 Long way to go?
 - 61 Grooming tool
 - 62 "Orinoco Flow" singer
 - 64 Pampering place
 - 65 Charged particle



By Mike Graczyk and Christina Iverson Tribune Content Agency 6/1/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 9 4
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ K J 10 9 4
♣ K

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ 5 3
♦ 7 6
♣ Q J 10 8 4

EAST
♠ 7 6 3
♥ Q J 10
♦ A 3 2
♣ A 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 5
♥ A K 7 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — queen of clubs.
A case of timing

In every deal played at a suit contract, declarer must decide how to handle the trumps. Whether to draw all, some or no trumps, and precisely when to do so, is probably the single most common problem declarer faces as the play begins.

Consider this case where South arrived at four hearts after a Stayman sequence, and West led a club. East took dummy's king with the ace and returned the queen of hearts, hoping to reduce dummy's ability to ruff clubs. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a club in dummy, led a trump to the king and ruffed his last club with dummy's last trump. South then attacked diamonds, but East wisely held up his ace until the third round. As a result, declarer went down one, losing a trick in each suit.

South could have made the contract by timing his play differently. There was no need to ruff clubs immediately.

After the trump return at trick two, he should draw a second round of trump with the king and then force out the ace of diamonds.

Two trumps remain in dummy when East wins the ace of diamonds, so declarer cannot be stopped from subsequently gaining entry to dummy's diamonds by ruffing a club.

South's only losers in this case are a heart, a diamond and a club.

Interestingly, East can defeat the contract by taking the same tack declarer mistakenly chose in the actual deal. If East leads a second club rather than a heart at trick two, forcing dummy to ruff prematurely, South must lose four tricks no matter how he proceeds.

Tomorrow: SYLVIA strikes again.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NEBDL
TOBOH
WLAUFL
DRURED

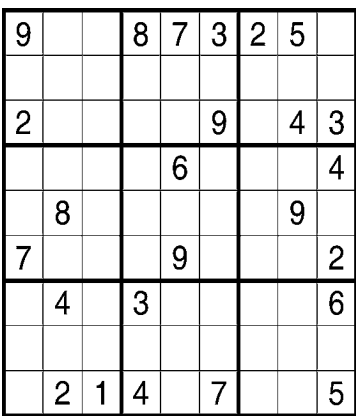
©2022 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

“ ”

Yesterday's Jumbles: LIMBO SALAD SANDAL SHADOW Answer: The rock formations in the Scottish Highlands are — AS OLD AS THE HILLS



TODAY'S SUDOKU

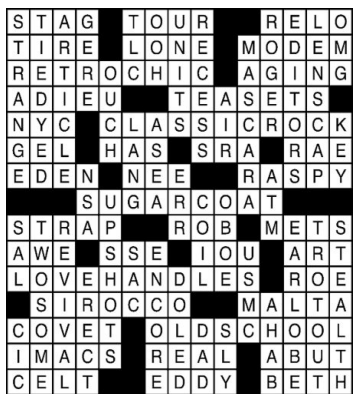


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

9	6	3	5	8	4	1	2	7
7	2	8	6	1	3	4	5	9
5	1	4	9	7	2	3	6	8
2	7	5	3	4	1	8	9	6
3	4	9	8	2	6	7	1	5
6	8	1	7	5	9	2	3	4
4	9	2	1	6	8	5	7	3
8	5	6	2	3	7	9	4	1
1	3	7	4	9	5	6	8	2

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Raising kids in US means living in fear



Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

To raise children in America is to live in fear. Fear that one day your child, the person you love and know with an intimacy that can't be captured in words, will die in a hail of bullets at church, at a concert, at the movies, at the grocery store, at a party, at a park, on the sidewalk, at school.

At school. Always and especially at school, which is a perversely common killing ground for American children.

To raise children in America is to read nutrition labels and install car seats and secure baby gates and attach training wheels and cut up choking hazards and zip up life preservers and stick to vaccine schedules and wonder, quietly, in the back of your mind, if any of it will be enough. If your child will make it to high school. If your child will make it to college. If your child will make it to 30. Why, if your child does, another mom's child didn't.

To raise children in America is to know that thousands upon thousands of families are shattered into pieces every single year by gun violence — at church, at a concert, at the movies, at the grocery store, at a party, at a park, on the sidewalk, at school.

To raise children in America is to know that devastated parents can offer up photos of their sweet, dead children as an offering and a warning and a clarion call for change — in front of Congress, in news stories, on Twitter, in mailings, during press conferences, to anyone who will watch, to anyone who will listen — and mostly



Teammates of Tess Mata, who died in the shooting, are comforted by their mothers while at a memorial May 26 in Uvalde, Texas. **CHANDAN KHANNA/GETTY-AFP**

nothing will change.

Not nearly enough will change, anyway. Not enough to quell the fear and stop the slaughters.

Every year, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data, more than 3,500 children and teens are shot and killed in the United States. Another 15,000 are shot and injured. Gun violence became the leading cause of death among American children and teenagers in 2020. And there have been 212 mass shootings — an incident where four or more people are shot or killed — so far in 2022, according to The Gun Violence Archive.

The shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, where 19 children and two adults

were killed, is this year's 27th school shooting. It took place 10 days after a white supremacist walked into a Tops grocery store in Buffalo, New York, and killed 10 people.

In between the two incidents, two people died and seven were injured during a mass shooting outside a Chicago McDonald's. Somewhere in that timeline, the Milwaukee Bucks canceled an NBA Finals watch party after three separate shootings near the stadium injured 21 people.

To raise children in America is to know the routine. Shooting. Outrage. Sorrow. Thoughts and prayers. Finger pointing. Deflection. Stupefyingly ridiculous suggestions like

arming teachers and limiting the number of school doors.

To raise children in America is to feel abandoned by the leaders and policymakers who could actually disrupt that routine. Who could follow the lead and leverage the labor of Everytown For Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Sandy Hook Promise, March for Our Lives, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence and the thousands upon thousands of angry, heartbroken, determined Americans who refuse to believe we have to live like this.

To raise children in America is to watch leaders and policymakers waste precious time arguing,

instead, over whether our children can say gay or learn about the shameful parts of U.S. history or read graphic novels about the Holocaust or receive social-emotional learning.

At school. To raise children in America is to know and believe we can do better.

To raise children in America is to know and believe our children deserve better.

To raise children in America is to know and believe we will arrive at better. But to wonder how many more children will die before we do.

And to know that number is unacceptable.

And to know that it's never just a number. It's a child. It's somebody's

baby — whose nails they trimmed and knees they kissed and toes they counted and fevers they calmed and fears they soothed and dreams they believed in.

To raise children in America is to witness a recurring nightmare. For far too many, it's to inhabit one.

But to raise children in America is to know and believe we can do better. And to refuse to give up until we arrive there.

Heidi Stevens is a Tribune News Service columnist. You can reach her at heidikstevens@gmail.com, find her on Twitter [@heidistevens13](https://twitter.com/heidistevens13) or join her Heidi Stevens' Balancing Act Facebook group.

YOUR STORY. OUR HEADLINES.



**\$20
OFF
THROUGH
7/2/22**

Celebrate special moments with custom article plaques from the Hartford Courant.

Whether you want to tout a business achievement, remember a special moment or honor a loved one, tell your story with a custom article plaque. Featuring the Hartford Courant masthead and a personalized nameplate, plaques are available in wood or acrylic and can be used to commemorate occasions including:

**Special Announcements · Business Milestones
Memorial Obituaries · and More!**

Hartford Courant
STORE

SHOP NOW at
courant.com/plaque or call (866) 545-3534

Hartford Courant

SPORTS

COURANT.COM / SPORTS

NBA FINALS

The substance of style

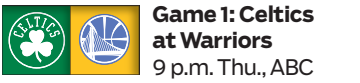
Celtics preparing for a drastic change of pace with precision of the Warriors

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

SAN FRANCISCO —The Celtics are about to go through a serious change in opponent's style. After surviving three bruising rounds of physical basketball, going the full seven-game distance against two of the league's toughest teams in Milwaukee and Miami, the Celtics are about to adapt for a precise, explosively efficient

Golden State team. The Warriors lead the playoff field with a 116.1 offensive rating. The teams are nearly identical in terms of made 3-pointers — the Warriors average 13.5 and the Celtics 13.4 — though Golden State shoots from downtown at a slightly higher percentage, 37.9% to 36.2%. The C's, by virtue of their second-rated defense (Milwaukee went down leading in defensive rating) top the field with a 6.7 net rating.

NBA Finals



Golden State, naturally, is second at 5.1. But the Celtics will have to be at their quickest and most versatile

Turn to Celtics, Page 2



The Warriors, led by the "Splash Brothers" duo of Steph Curry, left, and Klay Thompson, figure to have a lot of support among Laker fans in search of someone to root for in the NBA Finals. **THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY**

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD CLASS LL

Puffer, Hilary among stars

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — Aiden Puffer has been a household name in Connecticut track circles for so long, it's hard to imagine he has anything left to prove. But in his mind, there's an elusive goal.

"I've never won a State Open title, actually," Puffer said, after winning the boys' 1,600-meter race at the Class LL championship at Veterans Stadium on Tuesday. "And I definitely want to go for that and just have fun with it."

It was much cooler when Puffer lined up for the 3,200, and he added that to his collection, winning in 8:46.48, with teammate Sean Barkasy (9:25.31) second..

Puffer, the Manchester High senior who was setting records before he reached high school, ran the race in 4:17.05, a little off his goal, but the temperature was hovering around 90 degrees when he started.

"I felt really, really fit about a week ago with my performance at CCC championships," he said. "Today was not my best, everyone was really hot. The conditions weren't good at all. I was struggling to do my warm up. Everyone started slower, picked it up. I wouldn't say I'm disappointed, because I won the race and that was the goal, to get to the State Open, but I would have liked my time to be a little faster."

Hall-West Hartford won the boys title with 103.5 points, ahead of Greenwich (82) and NFA (80). Glastonbury's girls team had 118 points, topping Danbury (87.5) and Greenwich (63.5).

Puffer ran the 1,600 in 4:13 in the conference championships, and was hoping for 4:10 on Tuesday. His goal for the Open is 4:05.

As his high school career winds down, Puffer, heading for Northern Arizona, won't get the chance for a last showdown

Turn to Class LL, Page 4

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD CLASS S

Bloomfield boys, girls win titles

Rachel St. Germain leads Somers girls to first team medal since 1990

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — Last season, the Bloomfield High boys and girls track and field teams sat and watched in frustration as other schools raised championship plaques. The Warhawks' girls were the runner-up to East Hampton, while the boys finished in fourth place in the Class M meet.

On Tuesday at Veterans Stadium both Bloomfield teams walked triumphantly on the track holding their Class S championship plaques.

The boys won the title with 81.5 points, beating Hale-Ray (64) and Derby (55) for their first title since 2019.

"During the whole summer (last season) was in the back of my mind," said senior Alexander Colon, who was on Bloomfield's third-place 4x100-meter relay team. "It was my mojo."

The Bloomfield boys didn't have a first-place finisher on Tuesday but consistently had finishers in the top five.

Senior Christian Wolliston finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (15.18) and

Turn to Class S, Page 4

YANKEES



Yankees center fielder Aaron Hicks and left fielder Joey Gallo run in for handshakes after a win over the Guardians on April 24 in New York. **JESSIE ALCHEH/AP**

SLIM PICKINGS

After Aaron Judge, the Yankees outfield with Aaron Hicks, Joey Gallo becoming a real concern

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Yankees have a giant in the outfield. Aaron Judge is carrying the offense, leading the majors with 18 home runs. He's been the power behind the Bombers' American League-best 33-15 record, particularly of late with Giancarlo Stanton out because of an ankle issue.

But the Bombers also have some big concerns in the outfield as well. Over the weekend, center fielder Aaron Hicks was essentially benched after missing two days with right hamstring tightness. Also, left fielder Joey Gallo was dropped to the No. 9 spot in the lineup for the first time since 2017.

They don't have a lot of options internally. Miguel Andujar has shown he can handle left field defensively and the Yankees can hope he rediscovers the swing that

made him a 2018 Rookie of the Year candidate with more regular at-bats. Estevan Florial continues to struggle with plate discipline in the minors. Tim Locastro and Ender Inciarte offer solid defense but won't add to the lineup.

The Yankees have already conceded some offense to improve their defensive spine this season. They are getting minimal offensive results at catcher and shortstop, so they are counting on production from the other spots — especially from the outfield.

In 41 games, Hicks is batting .200/.326/.233 with a .560 OPS, one homer and seven RBI. He's struck out 33 times and walked 21 in 145 plate appearances. Hicks is 32% below MLB average in OPS factoring in league and park.

While Yankees manager Aaron Boone was adamant that Hicks had not let his struggles offensively carry over to the outfield, there has

been some noticeable misplays and he has a -5 defensive runs saved rating. Boone said he's been caught by some "bad reads," of the ball off the bat.

The Yankees had hoped that Hicks would be able to rebound after missing most of the 2019 and 2021 seasons with injuries. So far, he's struggled to find the 27-homer form from 2018 that had the Bombers giving him a seven-year, \$70 million extension.

"He'll continue to work on getting that quality of contact going," Boone said of Hicks over the weekend. "He's still doing a pretty good job of controlling the zone. He was getting some traction there for a few days, so we've just got to keep working with him and hopefully get him to that point to where he starts really swinging like we know he's capable of along with obviously his ability to get on."

The ability to get on base was

one thing the Yankees really liked about Gallo when they traded away prospects like Glenn Otto, who is already in the Rangers rotation, to get the lefty-hitting slugger last year.

It hasn't worked out the way the Yankees analytics department drew it up on paper.

Not only is Gallo hitting a dismal .167, he is getting on at a .270 rate. Gallo has drawn 17 walks and struck out 52 times in 137 plate appearances this season. A streaky hitter, all of Gallo's homers and RBI came during a 17-game stretch from April 23 to May 15. He then went on the COVID IL and missed five games.

But it's not just this season that has made Gallo seem like a misfit in the Yankees lineup. His .162 average since arriving last July 30 is the majors' lowest among 159 players with 300 plate appearances. His .570 OPS is 33% below the average major league outfielder, with league and park adjustments.

NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS VS. LIGHTNING

These Comeback Kids are halfway there, but road only gets tougher

By Filip Bondy
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — This high-wire act cannot be labeled impossible, because the Rangers have somehow survived it again. Just call their run highly improbable, remarkable, and leave it at that.

Somehow, the Rangers won another Game 7 over Carolina, 6-2, in the Eastern Conference semifinals. They won it on the road, against a team that had captured seven straight home playoff games in Raleigh. They won it after falling behind twice in this series. They won it after facing two-game deficits in both series against the Penguins and Hurricanes.

They won it with two early

Up next



Inside: A capsule look at series against the Lightning. **Page 5**

power-play goals on Monday, against the best power-play-killing unit in the league. They won it with a goalie who again was forced to make 36 more saves, early and often. They won it after being badly outplayed for much of the first period.

And here's the weirdest part

Turn to Rangers, Page 2



The Rangers' Chris Kreider, left, celebrates his goal with teammate Adam Fox during the third period of Game 7 of their Stanley Cup second-round playoff series against the Hurricanes on Monday in Raleigh, North Carolina. **KARL B DEBLAKER/AP**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 1), Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 2), Sunday, 8 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 3), June 8, 9 p.m.
Rangers: Eastern Conference Finals: vs. Lightning (Game 1), Wednesday, 8 p.m.; vs. Lightning (Game 2), Friday, 8 p.m.; at Lightning (Game 3), Sunday, 3 p.m.
Red Sox: Reds, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Athletics, Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at Athletics, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Yankees: Angels, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Angels, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Tigers, Friday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Nationals, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; at Dodgers, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Dodgers, Friday, 10 p.m.
Yard Goats: Reading, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Aces, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Mercury, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Seattle, Sunday, 6 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at El Paso, Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; at San Diego, June 11, 10 p.m.; Memphis, June 15, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO
BASEBALL

12 p.m.: Syracuse Mets at Worcester Red Sox. (Live) NESN
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
1 p.m.: Washington Nationals at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
4 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: Cincinnati Reds at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees. (Live), FS1, YES. Radio: 97.9
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: WNBA: Indiana Fever at New York Liberty. (Live) CBSSN
GOLF
5 p.m.: NCAA Championships: Team Match Play Championship. (Live) GOLF
7 p.m.: Capital One's The Match (Live) TNT
HOCKEY
8 p.m.: Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (Live) SPRTNET ESPN
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.: FIFA World Cup Qualifying Scotland vs Ukraine. (Live) ESPN2
2:30 p.m.: Finalissima Italy vs Argentina. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: International Friendly: United States vs Morocco. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
6 a.m.: Roland-Garros Tennis Men's & Women's Quarterfinals. (Live) TENNIS
2:45 p.m.: Roland-Garros Tennis Men's Quarterfinal. (Live) TENNIS

Celtics

from Page 1

to guard the Warriors' eternal wave of shooters.

"We're the bigger team, but they are a really good defensive team as well. They do a lot of great things, it's just in a different manner," said the Celtics coach. "And so where we had size playing against Milwaukee, playing against (Bam) Adebayo, guys like that, they don't technically have that same size but they always have (Draymond) Green back there who's kind of their free safety linebacker kind of controlling the defense.

"Guys that have improved, (Klay) Thompson obviously being back, (Andrew) Wiggins is playing defense at a better level than he has in the past, and even (Steph) Curry has bought in some. So depending on injuries with Payton and certain other guys, they do have some defensive minded guys out there, but it's gonna be different. What they do is different and the other piece is how they try to keep you off balance. Steve (Kerr), who I worked with, obviously, at USA Basketball, is very open minded, and he'll go to box-and-one, triangle-and-two, and everything else in between to try to keep you off balance."

Robert Williams only played 15 minutes in Game 7 against Miami — the matchups favored a bigger role for Grant Williams down the stretch — and overall averaged 22.5 minutes in the conference finals.

That appears to be having a good effect on his surgically-repaired left knee.

"Rob's alright. He's good. He felt good. His minutes were low, only played 14 in that game," said Udoka. "We tried to keep him in the lower portion if we could. Obviously, that's beneficial for him going forward, but the days off as well. So he should feel better in general. Getting looked at today and will continue to get his treatment and rehab and in order to get swelling down and some of the pain and mobility back.

METS

Plummer cemented in team lore for after big hits

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Mets rookie Nick Plummer's first two starts in the big leagues produced the type of statistics that people like to categorize as video game numbers.

In this case, if you were playing with Plummer in a video game, you might think about increasing the difficulty level.

Plummer was in his first starting lineup for the Mets on Sunday against the Phillies and then again on Monday against the Nationals. He went 4-for-8 (.500) with two home runs, a double and five RBI. The Mets also won both games, in large part, because of Plummer. His first sepia-toned MLB memory will always be the game-tying homer into the second deck off Phillies' closer Corey Knebel in the bottom of the ninth inning. The 112.8 mile per hour rocket was the hardest hit ball of the night by either team, and with a national ESPN audience tuned in, Plummer's first start in Major League Baseball was downright improbable.

Not many rookies get a Sunday Night Baseball moment like that, and even fewer get to hear a Big

Apple crowd chant their name like Plummer did as his hot streak blazed through Monday night's game.

"It's awesome," Plummer said of the fans' appreciation. "Francisco [Lindor] made sure I turned around. It was pretty much every inning, sometimes two times an inning. This is what you envision."

Plummer said after Monday's game that he zones out when he's on the field. The shortstop with the evergreen smile made sure that the new kid on the block took some time to soak it all in and remember to have fun.

"I get pretty straight faced when I get in between the lines," Plummer admitted. "He made sure that I made light of it. Ultimately, we're here for the fans. Without them, we kind of don't have jobs."

Plummer, a first-round pick by St. Louis in 2015 out of Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI, DJ LeMahieu's alma mater, has spent his entire adult life in professional baseball. After seven years and five baseball seasons in the Cardinals' system — he missed all of 2016 after hand surgery, and the pandemic shut down minor league ball entirely in 2020 — Plummer was granted free



The Mets' Nick Plummer celebrates with teammates after hitting a three-run home run during the fourth inning against the Nationals on Monday in New York. **MARY ALTAFFER/AP**

agency in November 2021.

After beginning his career with horrendous struggles in the lower levels, he finally reached Triple-A in 2021. Plummer posted a .267/.455/.440 slash line in 27 games for the Cards' Triple-A affiliate, but it wasn't enough for St. Louis to keep him around.

The Mets swooped him up on a one-year deal — his first ever major league contract — and after he went 1-for-7 in spring training, the organization had him start the year at Triple-A Syracuse. Some prodigious power emerged there, as Plummer walloped six homers in 24 games before getting the call.



The Red Sox's Rich Hill leaves the field after being relieved during the fifth inning against the Orioles on Monday in Boston. **MICHAEL DWYER/AP**

RED SOX COMMENTARY

A weekend to forget

What a series loss to the last-place Orioles taught us about Sox

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — That wasn't how the homestand was supposed to go.

Three losses in five games to the Baltimore Orioles, a team with a payroll one-fifth the size, a bottom-five offense, a bottom-10 pitching staff and one player, Cedric Mullins, who had ever been on an All-Star team?

Yuck.

The Sox were lifeless in the series finale Monday night, when they took a 10-0 loss on the chin and snapped their streak of four straight series wins. It was the Sox's most lopsided shutout loss in a decade.

"They've got some solid hitters that hit the ball out of the ballpark," manager Alex Cora said

of an Orioles team that entered the series ranked 24th in Major League Baseball in home runs.

"That was the whole series right there: We didn't keep it in the ballpark. They did damage and that's why they won the series."

To lose three out of five against the last-place Orioles was ugly, disappointing and, depending on which side of the fence you lean, surprising. But it shouldn't have been.

Until the Red Sox find actual answers on the pitching side and discover more than Tanner Houck as a reliable relief option, extended winning streaks are going to be rare. They won six in a row because their offense plated 54 runs in those six games, scoring at least five every night.

Then what happened? The Red Sox had the O's and the Reds, arguably the two worst teams in baseball, waiting for them when they returned to a warm and

sunny Fenway Park on Friday, scored six runs in the first two innings and then watched their bullpen blow a six-run lead entering the seventh inning.

"I think we learned the lesson Friday," Cora said. "At this level any team can score a lot. If you get going and you put up good at-bats, you can score three in one inning, four in the next one, and obviously that's a game that we have to finish from the mound."

Watching the bullpen allow 10 runs in the final three innings Friday was one of the worst moments of the season.

Given all the momentum the Sox had after scoring 33 runs in three games in Chicago and the energy in Fenway Park that felt back to October levels for the first time all year, it was a catastrophic defeat.

"We had a lot of chances to keep rolling on Friday night and we didn't," Cora said.

Then on Saturday the Red Sox

had another golden opportunity.

Nathan Eovaldi threw his first career complete game in the first of two on the schedule. The bullpen was fully rested for the second game of the doubleheader. But rookie Josh Winckowski struggled in his major-league debut and the Sox split the twin-bill, an embarrassment considering the huge advantage.

Nick Pivetta set the tone for a big win Sunday, then Rich Hill put together his worst start in four years Monday and once again the team looked lifeless as it was shut out on just four hits.

The five-game series ended with just two wins against the worst team in the American League. The Sox are 3-5 against the Orioles this season.

"Bottom line is we have to take care of what we have to take care of here in this clubhouse," Hill said. "Whatever any other team is doing is not a concern of what's happening with us."

Rangers

from Page 1

of it all: Despite all those unlikely events, Game 7 wasn't really all that suspenseful. The Rangers had Igor Shesterkin in the crease, and they had a two-goal lead just eight minutes into the game and a three-goal lead by the end of the second period. Victory was assured.

The game was decided, really, by careless Carolina penalties. On consecutive Ranger power plays, Adam Fox flicked a wrist shot over the glove of Antti Raanta at 3:40 and then Chris Kreider deflected a pretty fake shot/pass from Mika Zibanejad past Raanta at 8:00.

"When you quiet the home crowd, it's huge," Fox told reporters. "Didn't let them get too into it. And it was even more important to follow it up with a second one shortly thereafter."

After Raanta was injured, Ryan Strome beat third-string goalie Pyotr Kochetkov over his blocker at 16:19 of the second period. Kreider's second goal, a backhand at 4:01 of the third period,

officially rendered this game a rout. Game, set, series.

The Rangers have reached the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 2015.

And now, for the bad news.

After 14 grueling, grinding play-off games; after coming back from those two-game deficits against Pittsburgh and Carolina... the Rangers are only halfway to a Stanley Cup. And they next must face the two-time defending champions, Tampa Bay Lightning.

What feels already like a successful trek to the summit of Mount Everest, is merely the establishment of a base camp.

"We'll enjoy it for an hour, watch some video tomorrow," Ryan Strome said.

Tampa Bay awaits, well-rested and well-schooled on those 14 Ranger playoff tapes. The Lightning owns the only NHL goalie, Andrei Vasilevski, comparable to Shesterkin.

"Two of the top goalies," Fox said. "Vasilevskiy's record speaks for itself"

Even if the Rangers scrap past Tampa Bay, the West is next. There

could be as many as 14 more games left in this saga, with no guarantee of a happy ending.

It isn't fair, it isn't civil, but that's the way the NHL likes it. More games mean more broadcast dollars. The Stanley Cup playoffs are the most brutal postseason in all of sports. Just ask the Dallas Stars, who played a record 27 play-off games two years ago, absorbed a lifetime of physical punishment, and came away with absolutely nothing. The Stars failed to make the playoffs the following season and have yet to recover.

The postseason wasn't always this tortuous, of course. Back in 1960, the Montreal Canadiens required all of eight games — two series sweeps — to grab the outsized trophy. But then came expansion and league-wide parity. In 1994 — a season Ranger fans remember well — the team needed 23 games to clinch the Cup. The campaign included Game 7 victories over the Devils and Canucks. That slog was certainly worth it, but it might easily have taken a nasty turn along the way.

So now come the Lightning, who

knocked out the Rangers in the same round seven years ago. The nasty parallels from 2015 are obvious, if you want to drive yourself crazy. Back then, too, the Rangers held the home-ice advantage, after surviving a 3-1 deficit against the Capitals.

Those 2015 Rangers were the Comeback Kids, too. Then, against the Lightning, they weren't. They lost in seven.

You never know, but Gerard Gallant's light touch has certainly proved to be effective with this group of Rangers. Again, before Game 7, Gallant wasn't about to get dramatic, or deliver some kind of emotional pep talk.

"Same as all year, not a whole lot of speech, maybe 20 seconds," Gallant said.

Gallant's guys didn't need to hear much.

"We're a young group, resilient, backs against the wall brings the best out in us," Fox said. "Maybe we're a little naive in there. We don't want our season to end. We want to keep the momentum rolling."

Sounds simple. Not impossible at all.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	33	15	.688	—	—	5-5	L-2	17-7	16-8
Tampa Bay	28	20	.583	5	—	5-5	L-1	17-11	11-9
Toronto	27	20	.574	5 ½	—	7-3	W-5	14-8	13-12
Boston	23	26	.469	10 ½	4	6-4	L-1	12-13	11-13
Baltimore	21	29	.420	13	6 ½	5-5	W-1	12-11	9-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	30	20	.600	—	—	6-4	W-1	17-11	13-9
Chicago	23	23	.500	5	2 ½	5-5	W-1	11-13	12-10
Cleveland	21	24	.467	6 ½	4	5-5	W-2	10-8	11-16
Detroit	18	30	.375	11	8 ½	5-5	L-1	12-15	6-15
Kansas City	16	32	.333	13	10 ½	2-8	L-3	8-15	8-17

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	31	18	.633	—	—	6-4	W-2	14-6	17-12
Los Angeles	27	22	.551	4	—	3-7	L-5	15-13	12-9
Texas	23	24	.489	7	3	6-4	W-1	11-12	12-12
Seattle	20	28	.417	10 ½	6 ½	3-7	L-1	12-10	8-18
Oakland	20	31	.392	12	8	3-7	L-1	7-18	13-13

BOX SCORES

GAME 1: MINNESOTA 8, DETROIT 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b	5	2	2	0	1	.361
Buxton cf	5	1	1	0	0	.203
Kepler dh	4	2	3	3	0	.260
Polanco 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.233
Larnach rf	4	0	1	2	0	.298
Sanchez c	4	1	1	3	2	.236
Gordon lf	4	0	0	0	1	.260
Urselha 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.265
PALACIOS ss	3	1	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	38	8	9	8	12	
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
W.Castro lf	4	0	0	0	0	.275
Schoop 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.181
Cabrera dh	4	1	1	0	0	.293
Baez ss	4	0	2	0	0	.203
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	1	0	.193
Torkelson 1b	4	0	3	0	0	.211
Hasee c	4	1	0	0	2	.167
Cameron rf	4	0	1	1	0	.167
Hill cf	3	0	1	0	1	.254
TOTALS	35	2	8	2	6	
Minnesota	204	000	200	—	8	9
Detroit	000	100	100	—	2	8

E: Baez (5), Schoop (1).
LOB: Minnesota 5, Detroit 6.
2B: Larnach (11), Kepler (7), Torkelson (6), Baez (8), Cameron (1).
HR: Sanchez (6), off Garcia.
RBIs: Larnach 2(15), Kepler 3(25), Sanchez 3(25), Candelario (17), Cameron (3).
Runners left in scoring position: Minnesota 2(Polanco, Sanchez); Detroit 4(Hill, Torkelson, Cameron, Hasee).
RISP: Minnesota 4for 9; Detroit 0for 6.
Runners moved up: Polanco, Candelario.

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smeltzer, W, 2-0 6½	6	2	2	0	4	1.50	
Jax, 2½	2	0	0	0	2	3.33	
DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garcia, L, 0-1	5	7	6	6	1	7	4.70
Carlton, 3	3	1	2	0	0	4	2.70
Barnes	1	1	0	0	1	1	5.19
Pitches-Strikes: Smeltzer 101-71; Jax 33-23; Garcia 90-54; Carlton 48-34; Barnes 23-13.							
Inherited runners-scored: Jax 1-0.							
WP: Carlton.							
Umpires: Home, Hunter Wendelstedt; First, Shane Livensparger; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Chad Whitson.							
T: 2:46. A: 11,756(41,083).							

LATE MONDAY/GAME 2: MILWAUKEE 3, CHI. CUBS 1

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	5	0	0	0	1	.221
Urias ss	3	0	0	0	0	.123
Taylor rf	3	2	1	1	0	.254
Tellez dh	4	1	1	2	0	.241
Hiura 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.242
Brosseau 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.274
Cain cf	4	0	0	0	0	.191
Mathias 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.167
a-Wong ph-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Peterson 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.216
Caratini c	4	1	1	1	0	.207
TOTALS	31	3	3	11		
Chi. Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel 2b-3b	4	0	1	0	2	.286
Contreras c	2	1	2	1	0	.264
Happ cf	4	0	0	0	3	.248
Schwindel dh	4	0	0	0	0	.225
Wisdom 2b-1b	4	0	1	0	2	.228
Valdezquez rf	4	0	1	0	2	.286
Frazier lf	3	0	1	0	1	.154
Rivas 1b	2	0	0	0	2	.205
b-Hoerner ss	1	0	0	0	1	.296
Simmons ss-2b3	0	0	0	0	2	.189
TOTALS	31	1	6	1	15	
Milwaukee	000	110	010	—	3	3
Chi. Cubs	000	100	000	—	1	6

a-hit by pitch for Mathias in the 7th.
b-struck out for Rivas in the 7th.
E: Morel (1). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, Chicago 5. **2B:** Tellez (12).
HR: Caratini (3), off Espinoza; Taylor (6), off Hughes; Contreras (7), off Ashby.
RBIs: Tellez (35), Caratini (7), Taylor (22), Contreras (16). **SB:** Morel (5).
Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 1(Cain); Chicago 1(Schwindel). **RISP:** Milwaukee 0for 2; Chicago 1 for 5. **GIDP:** Simmons, Happ.
DP: Milwaukee 2(Brosseau, Caratini, Hiura); Peterson, Urias, Hiura).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashby, W, 1-3	6	5	1	1	2	12	2.70
Boxberger, H, 11	2	1	0	0	0	2	.445
Hader, S, 18-18	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
CHI. CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thompson	3	0	0	0	1	3	.380
Espinoza, L, 0-1	4	2	2	2	3	6	4.50
Hughes	2	1	1	0	2	3.00	
Pitches-Strikes: Ashby 100-64; Boxberger 18-11; Hader 13-8; Smyly 49-32; Espinoza 84-42; Hughes 24-19.							
Inherited runners-scored: Boxberger 3-0.							
WP: Espinoza 2(Urias,Wong).							
Umpires: Home, Brian Kirby; First, Bill Miller; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Adam Beck. T: 2:52. A: 28,620(41,649).							

ON THIS DATE

JUNE 1
1923: The New York Giants scored in every inning to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 22-8 at the Baker Bowl.
1925: Lou Gehrig batted for Pee Wee Wanninger in the eighth and replaced Wally Pipp at first base to start his streak of 2,130 consecutive games. The Washington Senators beat the New York Yankees 5-3.
1937: Bill Dietrich of the Chicago White Sox pitched a no-hitter against the St. Louis Browns in an 8-0 win.
1975: Nolan Ryan of the California Angels pitched his fourth no-hitter, striking out nine. Ryan tied Sandy Koufax's record by beating the Baltimore Orioles 1-0. It was Ryan's 100th major league victory.
1977: Seattle's Ruppert Jones homered off Cleveland's Dennis Ekersley in the fifth inning to snap Ekersley's no-hit string of 22 1-3 innings, just two outs short of Cy Young's major league record. The Indians went on to win, 7-1.
1987: Cleveland's Phil Niekro pitched the Indians to a 9-5 victory, his 314th, over the Detroit Tigers. The win gave himself and his brother, Joe, a major league record 530 combined victories, surpassing Gaylord and Jim Perry.

LATE MONDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 5, PHILADELPHIA 4 (10)

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
La Stella dh	3	0	0	0	0	.256
a-Ruf ph-dh	2	0	0	0	1	.219
Ystrzmski cf-rf	3	1	0	0	0	.298
Flores 1b	5	1	1	2	0	.258
Pederson lf	3	0	1	0	0	.267
Crawford ss	3	0	0	0	0	.222
Longoria 3b	4	1	1	1	3	.241
Gonzalez rf	4	0	1	0	1	.323
Fairchild cf	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Walton 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Casali c	4	1	1	2	1	.262
TOTALS	35	5	6	5	7	
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	1	2	1	1	.188
Segura 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.274
Harper dh	4	0	0	0	2	.305
Castellanos rf	4	1	2	1	1	.263
1-Quinn pr-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.215
Bohm 3b	3	0	0	1	1	.269
Moniak cf-rf	4	0	0	0	3	.000
Stubbs c	3	0	0	0	1	.344
Camargo ss	3	0	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	33	4	5	4	12	
San Francisco	000	002	001	2	—	5
Philadelphia	010	100	001	1	—	4

a-flieed out for La Stella in the 8th.
1-ran for Castellanos in the 9th.
LOB: San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 1.
HR: Flores (5), off Gibson; Longoria (5), off Knebel; Casali (4), off Bellatti; Castellanos (7), off Webb; Hoskins (8), off Webb; Schwarber (11), off Webb.
RBIs: Flores 2(27), Longoria (11), Casali 2(12), Castellanos (28), Hoskins (24), Schwarber (23), Bohm (18).
CS: Gonzalez (2), Quinn (1). **SF:** Bohm.
Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 1(Crawford); Philadelphia 0.
RISP: San Francisco 1for 3; Philadelphia 0for 1. **Runners moved up:** Hoskins.
San Francisco **C** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Webb 8 4 3 3 0 10 3.52
Leone, W, 3-0 1 1 0 0 0 1 3.18
Doval, S, 8-9 1 0 1 0 0 1 3.26
PHILADELPHIA **I** **P** **H** **R** **ER** **BB** **SO** **ERA**
Gibson 6 3 2 2 1 4 3.83
Familia 1 0 0 0 0 1 4.00
Hand 1 0 0 0 0 0 1.29
Knebel 3 1 0 0 1 1 2.88
Bellatti, L, 1-1 1 2 1 1 2 2.93
HBP: Gibson 2 (Pederson,Crawford).
Umpires: Home, Sean Barber; First, David Rackley; Second, Larry Vanover; Third, Junior Valentine.
T: 3:13. A: 26,650(42,792).

LATE MONDAY: PITTSBURGH 6, L.A. DODGERS 5

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mitchell dh	4	0	0	0	1	.200
Reynolds cf	5	1	1	1	1	.212
Hayes 3b	5	0	3	0	1	.294
VanMeter 1b-2b3	1	1	0	1	0	.215
Suwinski rf	4	1	1	0	0	.183
Castro ss	4	0	1	0	2	.175
Marcano lf	4	1	1	3	1	.357
Castillo 2b	3	1	0	0	2	.230
Heinemann c	0	0	0	0	0	.059
Perez c	4	0	1	1	2	.114
1-Chavis pr-1b	0	1	0	0	0	.286
TOTALS	36	6	9	5	11	
LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	4	1	3	1	1	.304
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.304
T.Turner ss	5	1	1	0	0	.294
Smith c	5	0	0	0	1	.236
Rios dh	4	1	1	1	3	.263
Jordan 3b	3	1	1	1	1	.226
Lux lf	2	0	0	0	0	.269
a-Taylor ph-cf	2	0	1	1	0	.252
Pillar cf-if	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Alberto 2b	4	1	2	1	1	.250
TOTALS	37	5	13	5	10	
Pittsburgh	031	000	002	—	6	9
LA. Dodgers	000	021	020	—	5	10

a-lined out for Lux in the 7th. 1-ran for Perez in the 9th. E: Castro (4), Freeman (2). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 8. **2B:** Freeman (19), T.Turner (12), J.Turner (15), Betts (12). **3B:** Castro (1). **HR:** Marcano (1), off Buehler; Reynolds (7), off Buehler; Alberto (1), off Thompson; Betts (15), off Thompson; Rios (7), off Peters.
RBIs: Marcano 3(3), Reynolds (11), Perez (5), Alberto (4), Betts (33), Rios (17), J.Turner (30), Taylor (22). **SB:** Hayes (6), Mitchell (1). **CS:** Castro (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 4(VanMeter, Hayes, Castro 2); Los Angeles 3(Smith, T.Turner, Freeman). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 2for 10; Los Angeles 2for 9. **Runners moved up:** Suwinski, Smith. **GIDP:** Pillar. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1(Hayes, Castillo, VanMeter).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thompson	5½	4	2	2	1	4	5.18
Peters, H, 2	½	2	1	1	1	2	.396
Bednar, W, 2-1	2	4	2	1	4	1.38	
LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Buehler	6	7	4	4	1	7	3.22
Almonte	2	1	0	0	1	2	0.90
Kimbrel, L, 0-1, BS, 10-11	20-10	1	1	2	1		
WP: Kimbrel. PB: Smith (2). Umpires: Home, Tripp Gibson; First, Nate Tomlinson; Second, Chad Fairchild; Third, Laz Diaz. T: 3:18. A: 46,724(56,000).							

2000: Pawtucket's Tomo Ohka became the third pitcher in the 117-year history of the International League to throw a nine-inning perfect game when he beat the Charlotte Knights 2-0.
2009: The New York Yankees played error free for the 18th straight game in a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians, surpassing Boston's major league mark of 17 set in 2006. New York's last error came on May 13 at Toronto when shortstop Ramiro Pena misplayed a groundball.
2011: Cincinnati's Francisco Cordero got his 300th career save, securing the Reds' 4-3 win over the Milwaukee Brewers. Cordero pitched a perfect ninth, becoming the 22nd reliever to achieve 300 saves, tying Bruce Sutter at the mark.
2012: Jonathan Crawford threw the seventh no-hitter in NCAA tournament history, shutting down Bethune-Cookman in a 4-0 victory in the opener of the Gainesville Regional. Crawford, a sophomore, was nearly perfect and faced the minimum 27 batters. The only player to reach base was Bethune-Cookman's Jake Welch on a walk in the third inning, and Florida catcher Mike Zunino threw him out trying to steal.

LATE MONDAY: N.Y. METS 13, WASHINGTON 5

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez 2b	5	1	3	1	0	.295
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	0	.281
Soto rf	4	1	1	0	1	.236
Cruz dh	1	1	0	0	0	.237
a-Hernandez dh3	0	0	0	0	1	.300
Bell 1b	4	0	3	3	0	.299
Thomas lf	1	0	0	1	0	.198
Franco 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.238
Robles cf	4	0	0	0	1	.243
A.Escobar ss	4	1	0	0	0	.222
TOTALS	33	5	10	5	3	
NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez 2b	4	3	2	1	0	.363
Marte rf	4	2	3	4	0	.282
Lindor ss	5	0	3	2	0	.269
Alonso 1b	4	1	1	1	0	.288
McNeil dh	5	0	0	0	1	.306
E.Escobar 3b	5	1	1	0	0	.224
Canha cf	4	3	2	0	0	.289
Plummer lf	4	2	3	4	0	.244
Nido c	4	0	1	0	1	.113
TOTALS	39	13	16	12	2	
Washington	300	011	000	-	5	10

SPORTS



Manchester High's Aiden Puffer crosses the finish line, winning the Class LL title in the 1,600 meters in New Britain on Tuesday. DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT

Class LL

from Page 1

with Conard's Gavin Sherry, whose season was ended by injury. "I know he's going to do really well in college [at Stanford]," Puffer said. "He's gearing up for that. I feel like he has nothing left to prove." Puffer for years has been the one people point to and said, "There goes that great runner." He's carried that with pride and a smile too. "All of the people I've met, all of the friends I've made through running," he said, "even the people that don't run, who are like, 'Oh, you're that kid who is really good at running. I have running to thank for that. My passions come and go, I'll have different passions in a couple-of-month period, but running is who I am. I'm a runner.'" Puffer's coach, Mike Bendzinski, said he will remember the person, rather than the runner. "Aiden's capable of just about anything," Bedzinski said. "He's an amazing talent, but the thing I'll probably tell people [years

from now] is so many times he had a chance, like at the Penn Relays, and go in the open and maybe win, but he gave it up for his relay team. That says a lot about his character."

Hilary takes vault

Glastonbury sophomore Anna Hilary won the girls pole vault, clearing 9 feet, 6 inches, equaling her personal record. Alexis Boyer of NFA also cleared 9-6, but Hilary won based on the number of faults, as she didn't miss until her last attempt, 10 feet. "I started out doing swimming and diving," Hilary said, "and my friend [and teammate] Sophia [Urban] told me to start doing pole vault, and I just really, really liked it and started doing some training in the summer and the fall." Hilary did not place in the state meets in 2021, but made the big leap in just a year. "What makes you really good at the pole vault is how determined you are," she said. "How willing you are to drop and take risks. Hilary's goal for the State Open is 10 feet. Her long term goal is 12 feet, she said.

Glastonbury girls, Hall-West Hartford boys have big day

Hilary's win was one of 13 events in which Glastonbury's girls placed, and they went on to take the team title easily with 118 points. "We're very fortunate we have a deep team," coach Brian Collins said. "We have kids in most of the events that score, or get close to scoring and that's a big thing for us. Running, jumping, throwing, we placed in a lot of events. We're pretty well-rounded over all." The Hall-West Hartford boys, repeat champs, had a similar formula, scoring in 15 of 18 events. The 4x800 relay team set the tone with a win in the first event, behind Jamie Rendon, Tobias Ruffo, Jake Ludgin and Gabriel Sisk. Hall finished with 103.5 points. "We do that on purpose," coach Jeff Billings said. "Let's show up and get this rolling. Jon York had an amazing day, second in the 4X100, third in the 400, second in the 200, he's s sophomore. That's huge. It really was effective, the entire team showing up and competing."

Class S

from Page 1

300 (42.12). Wolliston, senior Matthew Davis, sophomore Zachary Blackwood, and senior Lorenzo Nealy finished second in the 4x400 (3:30.29). Davis finished fourth in the 800 (1:59.94) and senior Robert Dunkley finished second in the high jump (6 feet, 2 inches) . Sophomore Ryan Pryce captured third in the triple jump (40-10.25). Coach Garfield White felt his team bounced back well from last year's disappointment. "They were all focused and upset with what happened last year," he said. "It was motivation. To be honest with you, many of the kids on this team, it's their first championship. COVID-19 hit us extremely hard. Now we are getting back to normal." Hale-Ray finished second behind the duo of senior Sean Kennedy-Wonneberger and junior Michael Kraszewski. Kennedy-Wonneberger finished first in both 1,600 (4:34:06) and 3,200 (10:13.29) while Kraszewski was

the second-place finisher in both events. Those two, along with senior Luke Kindel and freshman Matthew Kraszewski took first in the 4x800 (8:15.10). Meanwhile, the Bloomfield girls have been historically dominant before having its streak of 12 straight Class S titles snapped last year. It's something girl's coach Anne Burrows didn't have to remind her team coming into the event. "I really didn't have to tell them anything because they did not like losing," she said. "When you drop a 12-year winning streak, you really don't have to say much. It's driven our whole season indoors through outdoors. That feeling that you never want that happening again." The Bloomfield girls made sure the result was never in doubt, winning the title with 122.5 points. Somers was second with 59 points and Immaculate third with 57.5. Junior Sianna Lloyd not only had a personal record in the 100-meter dash (12.35) and 200 (25.36) but finished second in both events. "It was a tough loss last year," she said. "To come back and win after everybody doubted us, boys and

girls, it's really a blessing." Senior Johnniece Jones took first in the 100 hurdles (15.78) and Aisha Williams, Laniyah Henderson, Sarah Priemer and freshman Kiylah Willaims finished first in the 4x400 relay (4:06.23). While Bloomfield took first, the Somers girls team finished in the top three for the first time since 1990. Star senior Rachel St. Germain led the way, winning the 1,600 and 3,200 for the second straight year. She was also part of the second-place 4x800 relay (9:49:70) with freshmen Stephanie Burzynski and Avery D'Amour and junior Gracie Flynn. St. Germain is used to plenty of individual success, but winning a team medal was truly special. "It feels amazing," she said. "All of the girls worked so hard and I'm so proud of them." Somers coach Michael Szafir was proud of his team. "The girls were ready to step up," he said. "They were ready to put themselves out there and put themselves in a position to help the team. That's what every girl was saying today, 'Whatever I can do to help out the team.'"

PATRIOTS

New receiver has blazing speed and a plan to bulk up

By Jim McBride
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The requests have come to a screeching halt. Because of his blistering speed, Tyquan Thornton used to get asked to race all the time as challengers wanted to measure up to the receiver. Then the former Baylor star scorched the field at the NFL combine with a 4.28 in the 40-yard dash, and his phone stopped pinging as much. "A lot of guys asked to race, but not after that 4.2," the Patriots rookie said with a huge smile Tuesday just after the club wrapped up a subdued OTA session that lasted just over an hour. Thornton's combine time isn't the only measurable that has drawn attention. His wrists were measured at 6 ½ inches, the smallest of all the participants in Indianapolis.

When asked about his wrists, Thornton held up his arms and seemed perplexed by the hubbub. "Skinny wrists? I mean, what are you using for your wrists for?" he said through a muffled chuckle. "That was new to me." Thornton's size — he is listed at 6-foot-2 and a generous 182 pounds — has never prevented him from excelling on the football field. In 42 games at Baylor he made 143 catches for 2,242 yards and 19 touchdowns. Thornton will need to bulk up to withstand the rigors of NFL life, where winning 50-50 balls is imperative. He acknowledged that gaining some weight is on the offseason itinerary. "It's a process coming in every day," he said. "Just trying to work and get better, making strides every day." Thornton doesn't envision himself transforming his body too much, however. "Just staying true to myself,"

he said of his new caloric intake. "Always look at myself in the mirror. You know, this is my body type. This is my frame. "I don't see myself being 225 pounds. Been thin all my life. Just getting stronger in the weight room, building my muscles so I can have that fast twitch." **Notes:** There was an emphasis on conditioning, with a heavy set of wind sprints and suicides of varying lengths. There was a group on each of the two upper fields, while veterans Devin McCourty, Matthew Slater, Nick Folk, Brian Hoyer, and Cody Davis did their work together between the fields. Those not spotted included receiver N'Keal Harry; running back James White; offensive linemen Trent Brown, Isaiah Wynn, Chasen Hines, and Andrew Stueber; linebackers Matthew Judon and Anfernee Jennings; defensive tackles Davon Godchaux and Byron Cowart; and kicker Quinn Nordin.

WNBA SUN

Stephanie Jones, a forward, signed to hardship contract

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun have signed forward Stephanie Jones to a hardship contract, the team announced on Tuesday. Forward Joyner Holmes was ruled out for health and safety protocols on Saturday ahead of a game against the Washington Mystics, bringing the Sun's number of available players down to nine and triggering the hardship exception. The team made a move just in time for its West Coast trip, during which it face the Las Vegas Aces on Tuesday and Thursday, the Phoenix Mercury on Friday and the Seattle Storm on Sunday. Head coach general manager Curt Miller and assistant coach Brandi Poole are currently out with health and safety protocols as well. Chris Koclanes is serving as acting head coach. Jones was on the Sun's roster last season but was waived in favor of Holmes after training camp this year. She then spent time with the Mystics on a hardship contract. A former Maryland Terrapin and the sister of Sun

star Brionna Jones, the 6-foot-2 forward played in 18 games for a total of 99 minutes, recording 25 points and 22 rebounds in 2021. In a preseason game against the Atlanta Dream this year, Jones went on a personal 9-0 scoring run and finished with 11 points. "You could have an argument for all three of those post players making the team," Miller said back in May of his decision between Stephanie Jones, Joyner Holmes and Beatrice Mompremier to make the opening day roster. "Steph Jones, the steadyest. Right place, right time, not going to make many mistakes, a great basketball IQ player and someone that was really, really a great locker room presence last year for us in a role-playing role." Stephanie Jones was already in Connecticut and attended games at Mohegan Sun Arena on Thursday and Saturday with her family, so she didn't have to travel to join the team. The Sun were facing the Aces at 9 p.m. Tuesday. The game will air on ESPN, marking the team's second nationally televised game this season.

TENNIS FRENCH OPEN

Nadal tops Djokovic in quarterfinal thriller

Associated Press

PARIS — Rafael Nadal insists he can't know for sure whether any match at Roland Garros might be his very last at a place he loves, a place he is loved. For now, if he keeps winning and keeps performing the way he did during his monumental quarterfinal victory over longtime rival Novak Djokovic that began in May and ended in June, Nadal will have more chances to play. With a mix of brilliant shot-making and his trademark resilience, Nadal got past the top-seeded defending French Open champion Djokovic 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4) to move a step closer to his 14th championship at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament and what would be a 22nd major trophy overall, adding to records that he already owns. "One of those magic nights for me," Nadal said. For anyone lucky enough to be there, too — provided they were able to stay awake — or even anyone watching from afar. The match began a little past 9 p.m. Tuesday and concluded more than four hours later, after 1 a.m. Wednesday. "TV decides," Djokovic said about the late start. "That's the world we are living in." The bracket said this was a quarterfinal, yes, but it felt like a final, from the quality of play to the quality of effort, from the anticipation that preceded it to the atmosphere that enveloped it. The only missing ingredient:

There was no trophy handed to the winner. Nadal turns 36 on Friday, when he will face third-seeded Alexander Zverev in the semifinals. When the subject of Nadal's future was brought up during his on-court interview, he smiled. "See you, by the way, in two days," Nadal said. "That's the only thing that I can say." It'll be difficult for any match the rest of the way to live up to this one. Nary a game, a point, a stroke or, indeed, a step came with a hint of insouciance. Both men gave their all. Nothing came easily. Nadal's 3-0 lead in the second set did him no good; Djokovic ended up taking it and would say later, "I thought, 'OK, I'm back in the game.' " But Djokovic's 3-0 lead in the fourth did him no good, even though he served for it at 5-3, even standing one point from forcing a fifth twice. Nadal saved those set points and broke there, then ran away with the closing tiebreaker, seizing a 6-1 edge and never losing focus after his first three match points went awry. "I lost to a better player today," said Djokovic, who had won 22 sets in a row until the 49-minute opener against Nadal. "Had my chances. Didn't use them. That's it." This showdown was their 59th, more than any other two men have played each other in the Open era. Nadal narrowed Djokovic's series lead to 30-29 while improving to 8-2 against his rival at Roland Garros.



Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Novak Djokovic in a French Open match on Tuesday in Paris. CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

GOLF TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Leishman, Wolff join field

Staff report

Marc Leishman, whose final-round 62 clinched the 2012 Travelers Championship title, and Matthew Wolff, who made his professional debut at the 2019 event, have joined the field for the 2022 tournament, it was announced Tuesday. "Marc had an unforgettable week here in 2012, and Matt has a history with us dating back to 2019," Nathan Gruibe, the Travelers tournament director, said. "Both of these players are fantastic additions to our field, which keeps

getting better." In 2012 Leishman came from 10 shots back on the final day to win the first of his six PGA Tour titles. He has three top-10 finishes this year and is currently ranked 48th in the world. Wolff began his pro career at the TPC River Highlands and became a winner for the first time just two starts later at the 3M Open. He is ranked No. 64. They will join a field for the tournament, June 23-26, that already includes No. 1 Scottie Scheffler, No. 5 Justin Thomas, No. 6 Patrick Cantlay and No. 8 Rory McIlroy.

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS SCHEDULE

#2 Boston vs. #2 Golden State
G1: Thursday: vs. Golden State, 9 p.m.
G2: Sunday: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.
G3: June 8: Gat Boston, 9 p.m.
G4: June 10: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G5: June 13: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-G6: June 16: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.

FINALS: PLAYOFF STATS

TOTAL	PTS	RB	A	SPG	BPG
Celtics	107.1	42.8	24.2	6.5	5.3
Warriors	114.5	44.8	28.3	6.8	6.1

PER GM	FG%	3P%	FT%	2P%
Celtics	45.4	36.2	81.0	53.0
Warriors	49.3	37.9	75.5	50.1

BOSTON	GP	MN	RB	A	PPG
Jayson Tatum	18	41.1	6.7	5.9	27.0
Jaylen Brown	18	38.2	6.8	3.5	22.9
Al Horford	17	36.8	9.6	3.5	11.9
Marcus Smart	15	36.5	4.5	6.2	15.5
Grant Williams	18	30.7	4.3	0.7	10.1
Derrick White	17	25.1	3.6	2.8	8.1
Robert Williams	11	21.4	5.5	0.7	7.8
Payton Pritchard	18	13.4	1.8	1.8	5.4
Daniel Theis	14	12.9	3.4	0.7	4.7
Aaron Nesmith	10	3.6	1.1	0.1	0.5
Luke Kornet	6	2.2	0.5	0.0	0.3
Sam Hauser	2	2.0	0.5	0.0	1.0
Nik Stauskas	8	1.9	0.1	0.4	1.3
Juwan Morgan	5	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.2
Malik Fitts	6	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.8

Celtics	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Tatum	157	352	57	152	115
Ja. Brown	147	303	44	114	75
Horford	75	150	32	74	20
G. Williams	56	133	32	79	38
Smart	79	200	34	103	41
D. White	46	121	16	58	29
Pritchard	37	82	21	58	3
R. Williams	33	52	0	1	20
Theis	29	49	2	12	6
Nesmith	2	11	1	8	0
Stauskas	2	8	2	6	4
Luke Kornet	1	2	0	0	0
Fitts	2	3	1	1	0
Morgan	0	1	0	1	1
Sam Hauser	0	1	0	1	2

GOLDEN STATE	GP	MN	RB	A	PPG
Klay Thompson	16	35.1	4.3	2.4	19.8
Stephen Curry	16	33.6	4.9	6.2	25.9
Andrew Wiggins	16	33.2	7.0	1.7	15.8
Draymond Green	16	30.4	6.9	6.3	8.7
Jordan Poole	16	30.1	3.2	4.5	18.4
Otto Porter Jr.	13	20.7	4.1	2.2	5.5
Kevon Looney	16	19.9	7.7	2.0	6.1
Gary Payton II	7	15.9	3.0	1.3	6.1
Andre Igoudala	3	14.0	2.3	1.3	1.3
Nemanja Bjelica	10	12.1	2.3	1.6	3.4
Jonathan Kuminga	12	10.8	2.2	0.7	6.9
Moses Moody	9	10.4	0.9	0.4	4.3
Damion Lee	12	9.7	2.2	0.6	2.7
Juan Tiscano-Anderson	10	4.1	0.8	0.5	1.1

Warriors	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Thompson	122	267	57	143	16
Curry	136	303	60	158	83
Wiggins	98	204	24	68	33
Dr. Green	55	102	6	23	23
Poole	102	192	35	89	55
Looney	44	66	0	9	16
Porter Jr.	28	60	10	31	5
Kuminga	30	59	3	13	20
Bjelica	14	26	2	6	4
Lee	13	30	4	12	2
Payton II	16	22	6	8	5
Moody	14	27	7	12	4
Igoudala	1	5	0	2	6
Tscn-Andrsn	4	9	2	4	1
through Sunday					

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	6	2	.750	—
Washington	7	3	.700	—
Chicago	6	3	.667	½
Atlanta	5	3	.625	1
Indiana	3	8	.273	4½
New York	1	7	.125	5
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	8	1	.889	—
Dallas	5	3	.625	2½
Seattle	5	3	.625	2½
Los Angeles	4	6	.400	4½
Minnesota	2	7	.222	6
Phoenix	2	8	.200	6½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 87, Indiana 75
Chicago 73, Phoenix 70
Connecticut at Las Vegas, late
Dallas at Los Angeles, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Indiana at New York, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAME

Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

SEASON LEADERS

TOTAL POINTS	PPG	TM	G	PTS
Kelsey Mitchell	19.0	IND	10	190
Nneka Ogumike	18.1	LAS	10	181
Kelsey Plum	18.2	LVA	9	164
Jackie Young	18.2	LVA	9	164
Liz Cambage	15.6	LAS	10	156
Sylvia Fowles	17.1	MIN	9	154
Arike Ogunbowale	18.8	DAL	8	150
A'ja Wilson	16.4	LVA	9	148
Jewell Loyd	18.4	SEA	8	147
Ariel Atkins	15.1	WAS	9	136

REBOUNDS	RPG	TM	G	RB
Dearica Hamby	10.1	LVA	9	91
Sylvia Fowles	10.0	MIN	9	90
A'ja Wilson	10.0	LVA	9	90
Jessica Shepard	8.8	MIN	9	79
Emily Engstler	7.3	IND	10	73
Nneka Ogumike	7.3	LAS	10	73
Queen Egbo	7.1	IND	10	71
Jonquel Jones	8.0	CON	8	64
Alyssa Thomas	7.6	CON	8	61
Tina Charles	7.5	PHO	8	60
Kayla Thornton	7.5	DAL	8	60

ASSISTS	APG	TM	G	A
Courtney Vandersloot	7.6	CHI	7	53

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
FAVORITE LINE	UNDERDOG
at NY Mets	-120 Washington
San Diego	-112 at St. Louis
at Colorado	-126 Miami
Atlanta	-164 at Arizona
at Philadelphia	-120 San Francisco
at Chi. Cubs	Off Milwaukee
at LA Dodgers	-240 Pittsburgh

AMERICAN LEAGUE

at Cleveland	-137 Kansas City
Houston	-136 at Oakland
Seattle	-147 at Baltimore
at NY Yankees	-157 LA Angels
at Toronto	-137 Chi White Sox
Minnesota	-128 at Detroit
Tampa Bay	-122 at Texas

INTERLEAGUE

at Boston	-182 Cincinnati
-----------	-----------------

NBA FINALS

FAVORITE LINE	UNDERDOG
at Golden State 3½	2112 Boston

ODDS TO WIN NBA FINALS SERIES

Golden State	-150 Boston
--------------	-------------

SERIES CORRECT SCORE

Warriors defeat Celtics	4-3
Celtics defeat Warriors	4-2
Warriors defeat Celtics	4-2
Warriors defeat Celtics	4-1
Celtics defeat Warriors	4-3
Celtics defeat Warriors	4-1
Warriors defeat Celtics	4-0
Celtics defeat Warriors	4-0

NHL CUP PLAYOFFS WEDNESDAY

FAVORITE LINE	UNDERDOG
Tampa Bay	-128 at NY Rangers

ODDS TO WIN SERIES

Tampa Bay	-180 N.Y. Rangers
Colorado	-260 Edmonton

For the latest odds, go to [FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/](https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/)

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Friday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
June 7: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-June 9: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
x-June 11: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-June 14: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Colorado vs. Edmonton
Tuesday: at Colorado, late
Thursday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Saturday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Monday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
x-June 8: at Colorado, TBA
x-June 10: at Edmonton, TBA
x-June 12: at Colorado, TBA

SECOND ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 3
May 18: Carolina 2-1 (OT)
May 20: Carolina 2-0
May 22: at N.Y. Rangers 3-1
May 24: N.Y. Rangers 4-1
May 26: Carolina 3-1
May 28: N.Y. Rangers 5-2
May 30: N.Y. Rangers 6-2.

Tampa Bay 4, Florida 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edmonton 4, Calgary 1

Colorado 4, St. Louis 2

PLAYOFF LEADERS

WINS	TM	W	LSV%	GAA
Igor Shesterkin	NYR	8	5 .928	2.68
Mike Smith	EDM	8	3 .927	2.70
An. Vasilevskiy	TBL	8	3 .932	2.22
Darcy Kuemper	COL	6	2 .904	2.44
Antti Raanta	CAR	6	5 .922	2.26
Jacob Markstrom	CGY	5	7 .901	2.95

TOTAL SAVES	TM	GP	SV%	SV
Igor Shesterkin	NYR	14	.928	474
Mike Smith	EDM	12	.927	381
Andrei Vasilevskiy	TBL	11	.932	343

GAA	TM	GP	GA	GAA
Jordan Binnington	STL	6	9	1.72
Jake Oettinger	DAL	7	13	1.81
Andrei Vasilevskiy	TBL	11	25	2.22
Antti Raanta	CAR	13	25	2.26
Darcy Kuemper	COL	9	21	2.44
Igor Shesterkin	BOS	5	13	2.63
Jerry Swamy	NYR	14	37	2.68

through Monday

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	6	1	0	.857	152	118
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	176	177
Michigan	1	6	0	.143	131	144
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143	92	164
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	7	0	0	1.000	188	125
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	167	128
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	125	154
Houston	1	6	0	.143	156	177

x-clinched playoff berth

WEEK 8

FRIDAY'S GAME

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

New Orleans at Birmingham, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Michigan at Philadelphia, noon
Houston at Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

WEEK 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

New Jersey vs Michigan, noon
Houston vs. Birmingham, 5p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans, 3p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh, 6:30p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	2	26	25	10
Philadelphia	6	1	7	25	19	10
CF Montreal	7	5	2	23	28	26
N.Y. Red Bulls	6	3	5	23	24	15
Orlando City	6	5	3	21	17	20
Cincinnati	6	7	1	19	21	25
Inter Miami CF	5	6	3	18	15	22
Charlotte FC	5	8	1	16	13	18
Columbus	4	5	4	16	17	16
Atlanta	4	5	4	16	20	20
New England	4	5	4	16	22	23
Toronto FC	4	7	3	15	21	27
D.C. United	4	7	2	14	17	23
Chicago	2	7	5	11	13	20
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	3	2	29	29	16
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	24	13
Real Salt Lake	7	3	4	25	17	17
Austin FC	7	4	3	24	28	18
LA Galaxy	7	5	2	23	17	15
Nashville	6	4	4	22	18	16
Houston	5	6	3	18	17	17
Minnesota United	5	6	3	18	15	15
Colorado	5	6	3	18	16	17
Seattle	5	6	1	16	15	16
Portland	3	6	6	15	21	25
Vancouver	4	7	2	14	14	23
San Jose	3	6	5	14	25	32
Sporting KC	3	8	4	13	13	26

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

New York at Charlotte FC, 3p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 6p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday: vs. Morocco at TQL Stadium, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
June 5: vs. Uruguay at Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan. 5 p.m.
n-June 10: vs. Grenada, 10 p.m.
n-June 14: vs. El Salvador, 10 p.m.
w-Nov. 21: TBA, 2 p.m.
w-Nov. 25: vs. England, 2 p.m.
w-Nov. 29: vs. Iran, 2 p.m.
n-March 23, 2023: vs. Grenada, TBA
n-March 26, 2023: vs.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Thickening cloudiness, chance for a few afternoon showers and possibly a thunderstorm.

HIGH 69°
LOW 57°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, warmer.

HIGH 80°
LOW 58°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly cloudy with showers.

HIGH 73°
LOW 55°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 78°
LOW 51°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and seasonable.

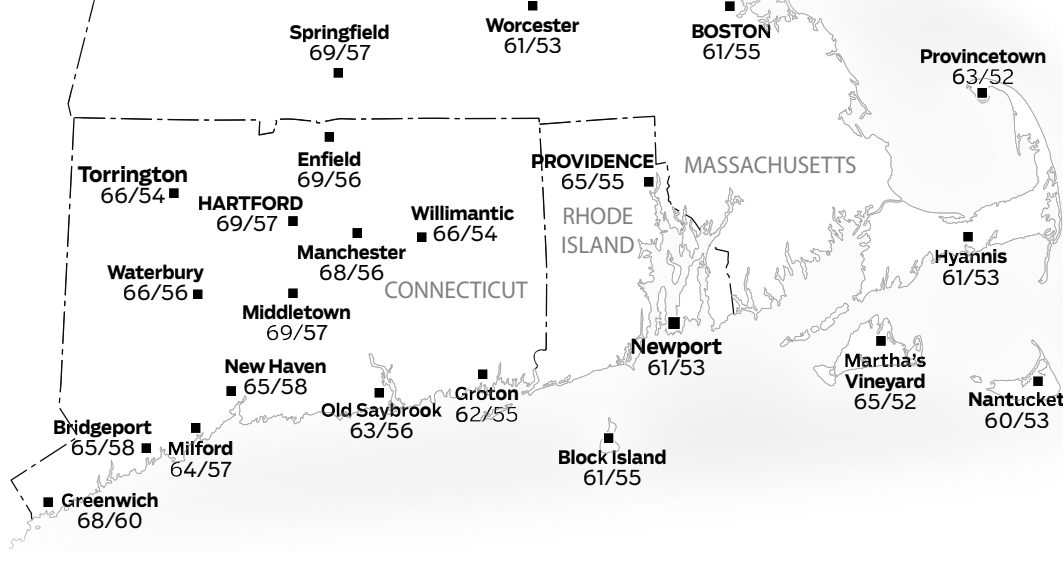
HIGH 78°
LOW 56°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

For the latest weather news throughout your day.

courant.com/weather

YOURCAST



OUTLOOK

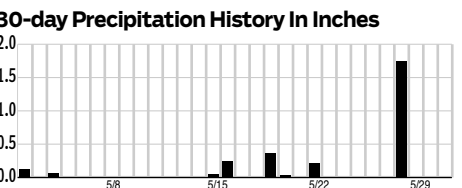
Record setting temperatures on Tuesday with highs in the mid-90s, but rather than inland where one would most likely assume, it occurred along the shoreline. The record setting highs were 94 degrees in Bridgeport, 95 in New Haven, and 93 degrees in Groton. The old record in Bridgeport was 91 degrees set both in 2013 and 1987. A backdoor cold front is responsible for a dramatic temperature change on Wednesday with highs mainly in the 60s. There will be thickening cloudiness with the chance for some afternoon and evening showers, perhaps a thunderstorm or two.

-Gary Lessor

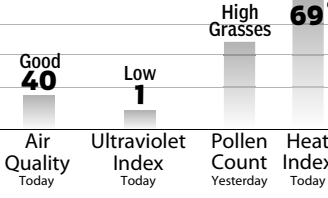
ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.14
Month to date	2.88 3.79
Total this year	17.58 17.89

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

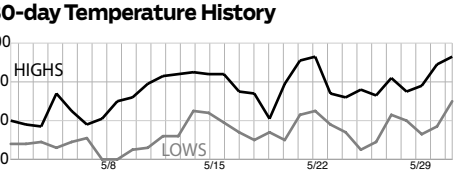


	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:19 a.m.	5:18 a.m.
Sunset	8:18 p.m.	8:19 p.m.
Moonrise	6:36 a.m.	7:27 a.m.
Moonset	10:43 p.m.	11:29 p.m.

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	11:41 a.m.	5:52 a.m.	66°
Saybrook Jetty	12:18 a.m.	6:45 a.m.	63°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:52 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	
Madison	3:01 a.m.	10:31 a.m.	
	3:35 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	
New Haven	12:36 a.m.	6:58 a.m.	62°
	1:11 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	
Stamford	12:56 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	61°
	1:31 p.m.	7:27 p.m.	
	1:00 a.m.	7:36 a.m.	62°
	1:35 p.m.	7:41 p.m.	
River Stage at Hartford:	3.36 feet at 6:30 p.m.		
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W VCloudy	L.I. Sound E VCloudy	B.I. Sound VCloudy
Wind	E, 5-15	E, 5-15	E, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-3 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	93 at 3:14 p.m.	70 at 3:40 a.m.
Normal for date	76	53
Record for date	95 in 2013	33 in 1961
A year ago	64	46
Range this year	93	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 31	5308	5849	5417



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.97 at 12 a.m.	29.86 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	66° at 7 p.m.	61° at 11 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 70 45 S Burlington 65 55 SH Caribou 66 42 S Concord 60 52 SH Montpelier 63 54 SH Mt. Wash. 48 41 C Portland 61 52 PC Woods Hole 59 53 SH NATION Albany 65 56 SH Albuquerque 86 61 PC Atlantic City 77 64 C	Baltimore 90 69 PC Bismarck 69 40 PC Boise 76 54 S Buffalo 78 53 SH Charleston 91 71 S Cincinnati 84 62 T Cleveland 81 56 T Indianapolis 82 58 S Jacksonville 90 66 S Las Vegas 94 73 S Miami Beach 86 72 PC Milwaukee 65 50 PC	Nashville 91 68 PC New Orleans 91 73 PC New York 68 61 SH Okla. City 72 58 T Omaha 67 49 PC Orlando 90 70 PC Pittsburgh 85 62 T Raleigh 94 67 PC St. Louis 77 62 SH Salt Lake City 71 52 S San Antonio 93 74 PC San Diego 70 61 PC	San Juan 87 77 PC Tucson 100 68 S WORLD Amsterdam 63 46 SH Athens 92 72 S Bangkok 94 81 SH Barbados 83 76 C Beijing 102 72 PC Beirut 77 69 S Berlin 71 49 SH Bermuda 79 74 PC	Budapest 79 61 SH Buenos Aires 57 39 PC Cairo 95 69 S Cancun 82 76 SH Dubai 105 83 S Edinburgh 61 46 SH Helsinki 62 51 SH Hong Kong 84 76 SH Istanbul 81 63 S Jerusalem 82 60 S Johannesburg 64 39 S Singapore 89 80 SH	Kingston 88 76 SH Lisbon 74 61 SH London 68 47 PC Madrid 86 59 S Mexico City 79 55 SH Milan 82 65 PC Montreal 62 55 SH Moscow 75 59 PC Nassau 83 77 SH Paris 74 52 PC Prague 76 54 PC Rio de Janeiro 78 72 PC Rome 88 62 S Seoul 81 62 PC Stockholm 66 49 SH Sydney 63 48 PC Tel Aviv 80 67 S Tokyo 82 65 PC Toronto 70 53 SH Vancouver 72 58 C Warsaw 71 54 SH
---	--	---	--	--	---

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—First Round
Upper Bracket
NEWINGTON 6, HAMDEN 5
N 200-004-0—6-6-0
H 200-003-0—5-8-3
WP: Austyn Howe. LP: Sean McGarry. HR: H—Maico Cardona. Rec.: N—18-3; H—9-12.
NEW CANAAN 7, ENFIELD 2
E 000-200-0—2-7-0
NC 000-700-x—7-9-0
WP: Brian Balkun. LP: Bryce DiPiero. Rec.: NC—13-8; E—12-9.
XAVIER 10, KENNEDY 2
SOUTHTOWN 3, MCMAHON 1
HALL 4, NEWTOWN 1
NAUGATUCK 10, CHESHIRE 6
DANBURY 6, NORWALK 1
SHELTON 5, FAIRFIELD PREP 3

Lower Bracket
CONARD 2, NEW MILFORD 1
GLASTONBURY 2, WESTHILL 0
WEST HAVEN 1, MANCHESTER 0
FAIRFIELD WARDE 6, SIMSBURY 4
AMITY 7, STAMFORD 1
STAPLES 7, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 3
TRUMBULL 8, HILLHOUSE 5
RIDGEFIELD 3, GREENWICH 1

Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
WINDSOR 17, KAYNOR TECH 0
KT 000-000-0—0-3-3
W 930-302—17-15-1
WP: Eli Fangiullo. LP: Trevor Cleary. Rec.: W—20-1; KT—8-13.
MIDDLETOWN 6, PLATT 4
LYMAN HALL 3, NORTH HAVEN 1
BERLIN 4, BETHEL 2 (10)
HAND 3, ELLIS TECH 0
POMPERAUG 6, RHAM 2
GUILFORD 4, MASUK 1
TORRINGTON 9, NEW LONDON 8

Lower Bracket
MALONEY 9, BRISTOL EASTERN 4
BE 001-102-0—4-8-1
M 200-610-x—9-10-0
WP: Ryan Killeen. LP: Mike Roaff. HR: M—Raf Rodriguez. Rec.: M—13-8; BE—9-12.
WETHERSFIELD 20, CHENEY TECH 3
WILCOX TECH 3, STRATFORD 2
BROOKFIELD 10, FARMINGTON 0
EAST LYME 18, ROCKVILLE 2
FITZ 5, E.O. SMITH 3
WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 4, BRISTOL CATHOLIC 3
NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 10, WILTON 1

Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
SHEEHAN 7, LEWIS MILLS 4
SHEFFIELD 2, TOLLAND 1 (11)
ROCKY HILL 1, ST. JOSEPH 0
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 15, BULLARD-HAVENS 0
BARLOW 10, GRANBY 7
WESTON 7, NONNEWAUG 4
KILLINGLY 5, O'BRIEN TECH 0
LEDYARD 5, ABBOTT TECH 4

Lower Bracket
NORTHWESTERN 10, WINDHAM TECH 5
WT 003-000-2—5-6-5
N 213-013-x—10-12-2
WP: Devon DiVita. LP: Trey Lindsey. Rec.: N—19-2; WT—9-13. Note: Ben Gardner was 3-for-4 with a double, 3 RBI for Windham Tech.
WATERTOWN 7, BACON ACADEMY 6
W 000-160-0—7-9-1
BA 303-000-0—6-12-1
WP: Henry Marino. LP: Jack Novak. Rec.: W—11-11; BA—17-5. Note: Luke Pennella had 2 hits, 4 RBI for Bacon Academy.
ELLINGTON 9, FORAN 5
GRASSO TECH 13, UNIVERSITY 2
WOLCOTT 5, WOLCOTT TECH 0
WOODLAND 9, SEYMOUR 1
LAW 9, NORWICH TECH 0
WATERFORD 15, STONINGTON 0

Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
ST. PAUL 22, TERRYVILLE 0
T 000-000-0—0-0-3
SP 568-201-x—22-22-0
WP: Joey Tonnotti. LP: CJ McIntyre. HR: SP—Casey Cerruto (2), Ryan Daniels, Tonnotti. Rec.: SP—22-1; T—6-12. Note: Cerruto was 3-for-3 with 4 RBI and Jamie Leggett was 3-for-4 with 2

doubles, 2 RBI.
WINDSOR LOCKS 5, OLD SAYBROOK 2
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5, STAFFORD 4
COGINCHAUG 9, HOUSATONIC 0
LYMAN MEMORIAL 5, EAST CATHOLIC 2
IMMACULATE 6, CANTON 5
ST. BERNARD 17, PARISH HILL 3
NORTH BRANFORD 19, WAMOGO 2

Lower Bracket
COVENTRY 17, INNOVATION 0
I 000-00—0-1-2
C 43(10)-0x—17-19-0
WP: Aidan Hecht. LP: Landon Wyskiewicz. Rec.: C—16-5; I—9-12. Note: Gavin Covelli, Jacob Wojtkowiak and Evan Menzel each had 3 hits for Coventry.
VALLEY REGIONAL 8, EAST WINDSOR 3
SOMERS 5, EAST HAMPTON 3
OLD LYME 16, WHITNEY TECH 2
OXFORD 7, HALE-RAY 1
HOLY CROSS 8, SMSA 2
TOURTELLOTTE 11, EAST GRANBY 2
PLAINFIELD 9, SHEPAUG 2

SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—First Round
Upper Bracket
GLASTONBURY 5, HAMDEN 0
H 000-000-0—0-2-1
G 100-130-x—5-8-0
WP: Brooke Tracy. LP: O McManus. Rec.: G—19-2; H—9-12. Note: Tracy struck out 17 and has 2 RBI at the plate. Sadie Scurto was 2-for-2 with a double, 1 RBI.
CHESHIRE 11, SIMSBURY 1
BRISTOL CENTRAL 6, WILTON 0
WEST HAVEN 7, NEWINGTON 2
SHELTON 5, MCMAHON 1
STAPLES 9, NEWTOWN 2
TRUMBULL 15, STAMFORD 0 (5)

Lower Bracket
CONARD 11, ENFIELD 10 (9)
C 320-230-001—11-14-1
E 200-032-300—10-12-3
WP: Tatyana Datil. LP: Payten Stebbins. Rec.: C—10-11; E—18-6. Note: Ellie Soucy was 2-for-4 with 3 RBI and Charlene Rodriguez was 3-for-5 with 2 doubles, 3 RBI and Meredith Higgins was 3-for-4 with a double, 3 RBI for Enfield.
SOUTHTOWN 22, WILBUR CROSS 0
MALONEY 6, NEW MILFORD 1
HALL 6, NEW CANAAN 0
NAUGATUCK 7, MANCHESTER 1
NORWALK 7, NFA 6
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 14, DARIEN 0 (5)
FAIRFIELD WARDE 3, AMITY 1

Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
E.O. SMITH 5, RHAM 3
EOS 100-040-0—5-5-2
R 102-000-0—3-6-5
WP: Ashley Lewis. LP: Hadley Marchand. Rec.: EOS—10-11; R—15-6. Note: Emerson Dyer was 1-for-2 with 2 RBI and Zoey Pietras was 1-for-3 with an RBI, run scored for E.O. Smith. Marchand had 9 strikeouts and was 1-for-3 with an RBI at the plate.
BRISTOL EASTERN 5, BROOKFIELD 1
NORTH HAVEN 3, ROCKVILLE 1 (8)
TORRINGTON 5, WETHERSFIELD 2
ST. JOSEPH 3, POMPERAUG 0
EAST HAVEN 12, BETHEL 1
LAW 6, KILLINGLY 3

Lower Bracket
AVON 5, WINDSOR 3
BERLIN 10, BUNNELL 1
FITZ 2, HAND 0
FORAN 10, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 3
LEDYARD 10, EAST LYME 3
WATERFORD 20, BULLARD HAVENS TECH 0(5)

Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
WINDHAM 4, TOLLAND 1 (8)
W 100-000-03—4-4-1
T 000-001-00—1-3-1
WP: Analise Escarraman. LP: Elsie McCaffrey. Rec.: W—12-9; T—13-8. Note: Mariah Marrero led off the 8th with a single and scored the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded hit batter. Aniya Jenkins was 3-for-3 with a triple for Windham.
PLAINVILLE 3, NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 2
WOLCOTT 11, VALLEY REGIONAL 1
STONINGTON 24, WEAVER 0 (5)
WATERTOWN 1, SHA 0 (8)

Lower Bracket
SEYMOUR 10, ROCKY HILL 3

S 520-111-0—10-10-2
RH 000-010-2—3-6-3
WP: Skylar Barton. LP: Shauna Kehoe. Rec.: S—13-10; RH—13-8. Note: Maggie Sudimick had a 3-run triple for Seymour.
WILCOX TECH 19, GOODWIN TECH 7
SHEEHAN 18, PLATT TECH 1 (5)
LAURALTON HALL 4, KAYNOR TECH 1
OXFORD 12, ANSONIA 0
PLAINFIELD 23, NORWICH TECH 3 (5)

Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
OLD LYME 26, UNIVERSITY 0 (5)
COGINCHAUG 10, STAFFORD 2
EAST WINDSOR 6, HOLY CROSS 5
HALE-RAY 13, PARISH HILL 1
WHEELER 21, INNOVATION 2 (5)
THOMASTON 6, CANTON 2

Lower Bracket
SOMERS 9, EAST CATHOLIC 2
SHEPAUG 8, EAST HAMPTON 0
IMMACULATE 9, BOLTON 2
ST. BERNARD 24, MLC 2
NORTH BRANFORD 12, WOLCOTT TECH 0
HOUSATONIC 16, ELLIS TECH 4

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
CHESHIRE 12, FARMINGTON 7
GREENWICH 17, NEWINGTON 1
WILTON 17, SOUTHTOWN 1
DARIEN 21, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 3

Lower Bracket
SOUTH WINDSOR 17, NFA 5
Goals: H—Maliya Haddock (5), Kayden Burke (3), Carly Pitruzzello (2), Olivia Mogor (2), Emma Lamica (2), Elise Suffish, Arden Sansom; N—Lauren Friedrick (4), Molly Page. Saves: SW—Catherine Downes, 7; N—Sophia Smith, 6. Rec.: SW—13-3; N—7-10.
NEWTOWN 17, GLASTONBURY 11
RIDGEFIELD 17, HAMDEN 2
NEW CANAAN 13, STAPLES 5

Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
SHEEHAN 11, BRANFORD 10
MASUK 19, SUFFIELD 5
GLASTONBURY 18, BETHEL 7
EAST LYME 16, WATERFORD 6

Lower Bracket
HAND 11, SIMSBURY 10
Goals: H—Addison Kosiewicz (3), Kacie Wines (2), Shawn Staak, Riley Kilburn, Karleigh Kokoruda; S—Sofia Smith (3), Taylor Truting (2), Sarah Perlitiz (2), Alex Loo, Reece Willison, Sophie Moretta. Saves: H—Becca Snyder, 11; S—Katelyn O'Brien, 7. Rec.: H—11-6; S—12-5.
FITZ 17, WETHERSFIELD 6
BARLOW 8, ELLINGTON 4
ST. JOSEPH 20, FORAN 4

Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
CANTON 18, BACON ACADEMY 10
GRANBY 18, ST. PAUL 8
WESTON 14, EAST CATHOLIC 7
NEW FAIRFIELD 13, SHA 3

Lower Bracket
OLD SAYBROOK 17, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 7
NORTH BRANFORD 11, TOLLAND 10
LAURALTON HALL 14, VALLEY REGIONAL 7
STONINGTON 18, WATERTOWN 7

BOYS GOLF

Shoreline
PORTLAND 150, OLD SAYBROOK 171
NORTH BRANFORD 179, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 189
Others
ST. PAUL 324, BRISTOL CENTRAL 345, BRISTOL EASTERN 420
Medalist: Brandon Frye, St. Paul, 72 at Chip-panee GC, Bristol.
EAST CATHOLIC 163, KILLINGLY 171, NORWICH FREE ACADEMY 182
Medalist: Adam Eskin, East Catholic, 36 at Norwich GC.
MORGAN 172, WATERFORD 173
SHELTON 148, UNIVERSITY 262

GIRLS GOLF

CCC
CCC CHAMPIONSHIP (TUNXIS PLANTATION CC, FARMINGTON)

Team results: 1. Berlin, 342; 2. Hall, 368; 3. Glastonbury, 381; 4. Conard, 395; 5. East Catholic, 420; 6. Wethersfield, 421; 7. Simsbury, 429; 8. Newington, 433; 9. Avon, 442; 10. Northwest Catholic, 450; T-11. Manchester at South Windsor, 451; 13. Lewis Mills, 459.
Top 5 individuals: 1. Morgan Peterson, Glastonbury, 77; 2. Annie DeSanto, Hall, 78; 3. Libby Dunn, Berlin, 79; 4. Kenna Roman, Berlin, 81; 5. Samantha Dunn, Berlin, 83.

Others
CHESHIRE 175, CANTON 250
Medalist: Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 40 at Blue Fox Run, Avon.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS 5 CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10 teams: 1. Bloomfield, 81.5; 2. Hale-Ray, 64; 3. Derby, 55; 4. Coginchaug, 54; 5. Immaculate, 43; 6. Capital Prep, 37; 7. Weaver, 36; 8. Griswold, 27; T-9. Coventry and East Windsor, 22.
100meters: 1. Malcolm Beckford, Weaver, 10.82.
200: 1. Malcolm Beckford, Weaver, 21.87.
400: 1. Thai Sapenter, Immaculate, 50.89.
800: 1. Nathan Kita, East Windsor, 1:58.48.
1,600: 1. Sean Kennedy-Wonneberger, Hale-Ray, 4:34.06.
3,200: 1. Sean Kennedy-Wonneberger, Hale-Ray, 10:13.29.
110hurdles: 1. Byron McLean, Derby, 15:12.
300hurdles: 1. Nathan Cournean, Canton, 41.29.
4x100relay: 1. Derby (Kanye Bailey, Bryan McLean, Colin Strickland, Byron McLean), 43.99.
4x400: 1. Coginchaug (Ryan Newberry, Alexander Meisenkothen, Gage Rovelli, William Dalles), 3:29.40.
4x800: 1. Hale-Ray (Matthew Kraszewski, Michael Kraszewski, Luke Kindel, Sean Kennedy-Wonneberger), 8:12.34.
High jump: 1. Loudon Chupas, Hale-Ray, 6-4.
Long jump: 1. Mehki Tyson-Slaughter, Capital Prep, 21-2.75.
Triple jump: 1. Mehki Tyson-Slaughter, Capital Prep, 45-3.
Pole vault: 1. Nicholas Rivard-Lentz, East Hampton, 13-9.
Discus: 1. Alex Krause, Coventry, 155-2.
Javelin: 1. Gage Rovelli, Coginchaug, 156-9.
Shot put: 1. Alex Krause, Coventry, 48-10.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS 5 CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10 teams: 1. Bloomfield, 122.5; 2. Somers, 59; 3. Immaculate, 57.5; 4. Old Saybrook, 53.5; 5. East Hampton, 37; 6. Housatonic, 30; T-7. Bolton and Derby, 29; 9. Lyman Memorial, 25; 10. Canton, 23.
100meters: 1. Sydney Segalla, Housatonic, 11.90.
200: 1. Sydney Segalla, Housatonic, 23.96.
400: 1. Sydney Segalla, Housatonic, 52.96.
800: 1. Kaylee Gravel, East Hampton, 2:20.53.
1,600: 1. Rachel St. Germain, Somers, 5:15.61.
3,200: 1. Rachel St. Germain, Somers, 11:17.89.
110hurdles: 1. Johniece Jones, Bloomfield, 15.78.
300hurdles: 1. Abigail Colella, Old Saybrook, 47.48.
4x100relay: 1. Old Saybrook (Abigail Colella, Avery Rueckert, Sanai Baker, Anna Brodeur), 49.34.
4x400: 1. Bloomfield (Aisha Williams, Laniyah Henderson, Sarah Priemer, Kiyah Williams), 4:06.23.
4x800: 1. Immaculate (Kayla Ondy, Nicole Merritt, Keelin Bremmer, Lauren Manning), 9:41.44.
High jump: 1. Rowan Houston, Notre Dame-Fairfield, 5-2.
Long jump: 1. D'Jior Delisser, Bloomfield, 18-5.75.
Triple jump: 1. Laniyah Henderson, Bloomfield, 36-4.5.
Pole vault: 1. Allison Vigue, Coginchaug, 10-6.
Discus: 1. Tristin Oberg, Windsor Lock, 122-3.
Javelin: 1. Kadija Crapo, Litchfield, 98-11.
Shot put: 1. Tommie Barker, Canton, 35-11.5.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—First Round
Upper Bracket
ENFIELD 5, TRUMBULL 2
FAIRFIELD PREP 7, CONARD 0
AMITY 7, HAMDEN 0
STAPLES 7, RIDGEFIELD 0
Lower Bracket
HALL 7, EAST HARTFORD 0
GLASTONBURY 4, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 3

GREENWICH 7, SOUTHTOWN 0
WESTHILL 5, FAIRFIELD WARDE 2
Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
WETHERSFIELD 4, SIMSBURY 3
EAST LYME 5, CHESHIRE 2
NEW CANAAN 5, FARMINGTON 2
NEWTOWN 6, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 1
Lower Bracket
HAND 7, GUILFORD 0
SOUTH WINDSOR 5, FITZ 2
DARIEN 7, NEWINGTON 0
WILTON 7, NEW MILFORD 0
Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
AVON 7, BETHEL 0
BRANFORD 4, ELLINGTON 3
NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 5, SHEEHAN 2
WESTON 7, TORRINGTON 0
Lower Bracket
BERLIN 5, MASUK 2
BROOKFIELD 4, E.O. SMITH 3
WATERTOWN 7, LYMAN HALL 0
BARLOW 5, LAW 2
Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
SUFFIELD 6, VALLEY REGIONAL 1
NONNEWAUG 6, OLD LYME 1
WOODLAND 6, IMMACULATE 1
SHEPAUG 5, LEDYARD 2
Lower Bracket
GRANBY 7, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0
WESTBROOK 5, EAST CATHOLIC 2
STONINGTON 7, EAST HAMPTON 0
LITCHFIELD 4, WAMOGO 3

GIRLS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—First Round
Upper Bracket
GLASTONBURY 6, HALL 1
WILTON 5, FARMINGTON 2
AMITY 7, NAUGATUCK 0
NEW CANAAN 6, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 1
Lower Bracket
EAST HARTFORD 4, MALONEY 3
DARIEN 7, CONARD 0
WESTHILL 6, FAIRFIELD WARDE 1
STAPLES 5, GREENWICH 2
Class L—First Round
Upper Bracket
AVON 7, MASUK 0
NORTH HAVEN 7, POMPERAUG 0
BETHEL 4, EAST LYME 3
GUILFORD 7, BROOKFIELD 0
Lower Bracket
NEWINGTON 6, RHAM 1
WETHERSFIELD 6, BRISTOL CENTRAL 1
BARNBY 7, SIMSBURY 0
FITZ 6, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 1
Class M—First Round
Upper Bracket
ROCKY HILL 5, WOLCOTT 2
STONINGTON 7, TOLLAND 0
WATERFORD 4, WATERTOWN 3
WESTON 7, SHA 0
Lower Bracket
HAND 6, ELLINGTON 1
VALLEY REGIONAL 4, WOODLAND 2
NONNEWAUG 4, SHEEHAN 3
BRANFORD 4, LAW 3
Class S—First Round
Upper Bracket
CROMWELL 4, WINDSOR LOCKS 3
EAST CATHOLIC 7, MORGAN 0
OLD LYME 7, ST. BERNARD 0
LITCHFIELD 6, NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 1
Lower Bracket
GRANBY 5, ANSONIA 2
WESTBROOK 6, LYMAN MEMORIAL 0
HOLY CROSS 6, ST. PAUL 1
SHEPAUG 6, IMMACULATE 1

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

* All games at 6 p.m. unless noted

GOLF